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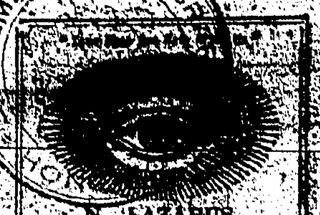

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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.43	7.15
Yaumati ...Dep.	6.49	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.22	—	4.42	5.50	7.23
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	6.02	7.35
Taipo ...Dep.	7.15	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	1.47	—	5.07	6.15	7.48
Taipo Market Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	1.51	—	5.11	6.19	7.52
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	5.21	6.30	8.02
Shuangshui ..Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	—	5.26	6.35	8.07
Shumshun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.16	10.57	12.57	2.12	2.55	5.32	6.41	8.13
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Shuangshui ..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	—
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
Taipo Market Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—
Taipo ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—
Yaumati ...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
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MAGISTRATE ON SERIOUSNESS OF "SOLEMN DECLARATIONS."

Miss Margaret (Peggy) Shotter, the actress, was fined £25 and costs at Clerkenwell Police Court, when she was summoned for supplying false information to the Registrar of Marriages of the St. Pancras District for the purpose of obtaining a marriage licence.

Miss Shotter is now Mrs. Miller. She married, on December 1st, Captain Alastair Miller, heir of Sir William Frederic Miller, Bart.

Miss Shotter, who throughout the case was referred to as Mrs. Miller, was accompanied by her husband.

Mr. Gwatkin represented the Director of Public Prosecutions, and Mr. Frampton defended.

Mr. Gwatkin told the magistrate (Mr. Dummett) that the alleged offence was committed in November last. Miss Shotter, desiring to be married to Captain Miller, made a false declaration regarding her age. She stated that she was 21, whereas at the time she was 19.

The marriage was solemnised on December 1st.

"Seriousness Not Realised."

Mr. Frampton, who admitted the offence on behalf of Mrs. Miller, said she regretted having made the statement she did at the time, but she did not realise the seriousness of it.

She had been rehearsing and was in a weak state of health. It was desired that she should go to the South of France to recuperate, and in consequence the marriage was hurriedly arranged.

It was true that she would not be 19 until May of this year.

Mr. Frampton went on to say that the matter might not have come out as it had done had it not been that in December an evening newspaper came out with a long screed about this romantic marriage, and had given the ages of the young woman and her husband, together with a description of the reputation he made for himself during the war in the Air Force and his skill as a motorist.

One thing which appeared, Mr. Frampton said, was untrue. That was that her father had forbidden the marriage. If it had been stated that he had not given consent to the marriage, that would have been true, because he did not know it was to take place.

Last night, said Mr. Frampton, every evening newspaper had something approaching a column about this case.

"It is very difficult," Mr. Frampton suggested, "to take a serious view of what she did. If she had understood what she was doing she might have come to you (the magistrate) for your parental advice and blessing."

The maximum fine, if the magistrate thought fit to take the most serious view, was £50, but Mr. Frampton hoped that so heavy a fine would not be inflicted.

The Magistrate.—I suppose she is now in affluent circumstances?

Mr. Frampton.—She is living with her husband, and he is in good circumstances.

Magistrate's Comment.

"I am not sure," said the magistrate, "that one is quite satisfied in one's mind that the young lady did not appreciate that if she had said she was under 21 the consent of her parents would have had to be obtained.

"One has to rid one's mind of the idea that she had no motive. It must be pretty well known to young ladies of 18 that if they desire to get married before 21 they must obtain the consent of their parents.

"It is generally very unreasonable for a lady to say she is older than she is. (Laughter.)

"There has been a breach of the law here, and I may say it must be clearly understood that these solemn declarations made for legal processes must be regarded as matters of the utmost seriousness.

"In these circumstances I can accede to your request not to fine her the full amount, but, having regard to the position that the young lady is in, I must fine her £25 and costs."

RAGE OF CHANG TSUNG CHANG.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENE AT REVIEW.

SHOUTS HIS REAL OPINION OF HIS MEN.

On January 10 [illegible]al Chang Chung Ch'ang held a big review of his troops on the Parade-ground at Tsinanfu, writes a *North China Daily News* correspondent. At the close the men were ordered to seat themselves on the ground, and the G.O.C. addressed them at considerable length. Being a powerfully built man, with a stentorian voice, his oration must have been widely heard by the assembled braves, a large proportion of whom had seen hard service during the past months. My informant was in the front rank of his regiment, within a few feet of the speaker, who, in forcible language left no one in doubt as to his own opinions regarding his army's recent chequered campaign in the South.

Reproached For Losses.

He reminded them of their heavy losses both in men and material. "You have abandoned quantities of guns, thousands of my rifles, and millions of rounds of ammunition." "And what have you brought back to me as trophies? Not one perishing rabbit skin! The Chinese is far more expressive of the General's wrath and contempt than any translation can convey.

Turning to the officers he let them have the full benefit of a stream of bitter invective. "The trouble with you is that you can't lead the men under your command, and you are afraid of [illegible] have worked my way from my present post of [illegible] ranks, and tell you that no one is fit to hold a responsible post in my Army who fears death. Let white-livered cowards among you go back to civilian life, for you disgrace a soldier's uniform."

Men Robbed By Their Officers.

Turning again to the men he thundered out, "I have been accused of holding back your pay. It's a lie. Your rightful wages have been paid out regularly by me, and if you have not received the sums due to you, you have been robbed by your officers!"

The truth of this blunt statement was partially confirmed by my soldier informant who stated that his own commander was commonly reported to have paid over large sums intended for the men to his old mother, a subtle combination of filial piety and rank corruption.

No More Fight On The Troops.

My informant states that the Chih Lu (Chihli and Shantung) Armies are riddled with disaffection, and that there is no more fight in the troops. They are war weary, utterly disillusioned, and have lost all confidence both in their cause and their officers. Wholesale desertions are taking place, officially known as a reorganisation and re-equipment of the forces—a euphemism that deceives no one.

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Under an armed escort, gold bars worth about £1,250,000 were driven through the streets of London from a wharf at London Bridge.

The gold had arrived from Russia in the Soviet ship *Vyshar*, which docked at Cottons Wharf, Tooley-street, E.C. It was packed in 200 wooden cases and was about 9 tons in weight.

The boxes, stacked on the wharf beside dozens of sides of bacon, attracted little attention, and few workers realised their rich contents.

Many men in plain clothes who watched the cases as they were unloaded and checked, and then again loaded into three covered lorries, did attract interest, but few knew they were the private guards and that some of them were armed.

When the lorries had been loaded two guards sat at the back of each, and one guard took his place beside each driver.

The gold is believed to have been destined for a British bank, acting as agents for another concern.

"Assuming it was fine bank gold," an authority said to a reporter, "it would be worth about 85s. the troy ounce, or roughly £1,250,000.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

St. David's Day.

St. David's Society wreath laying ceremony at Cenotaph, 11 a.m.

St. David's Society annual dinner, Lane, Crawford Restaurant, 8 p.m.

H.K.C.C. Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament starts.

Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. Dance, 7.30 p.m.

Ladies' night. Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, 9 p.m.

Around-the-World ship *Franconia* due.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Scarlet Letter."

World Theatre: "The Confession of a Queen."

Star Theatre: "Introduce Me."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Suez (*Mongolia*), letters and papers. Outward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Porthos*), 1.30 p.m.

Friday.

Ember Day.

Helena May Institute Bible Study Study Circle, 10.30 a.m.

Sir Miles Lampson leaves on s.s. *Franconia*.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club "A" v. K.O.S.B., King's Park, 5 p.m.

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Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. Musical Evening, 7.30 p.m.

H.M.S. *Titania* dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

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Saturday.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling.

Fanling Hunt: Spring Steeple Chase Mtg., Kwanti.

Yachting: — Menagerie Race (Racing Yachts).

Tennis: Ladies Recreation Club, American Tournament, 2.30 p.m.

H.K. Rifle League annual meet, Kowloon City Range.

Cricket:—League Games: Navy v. University; Kowloon v. Chinese R.C. Friendlies: (Second Div.) H.K. Electric v. Recreio; Police v. Navy.

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Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Macedonia*), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Sunning*), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling.

2nd: Week in Lent.

Yachting: Commodores v. Club.

H.K. Rifle League Annual Meet, Kowloon City Range.

Queen's Theatre: "The Circus."

World Theatre: "Mantrap."

Star Theatre: "The Whole Town's Talking."

Lenten Services:—St. John's Cathedral, at evensong, "The Discovery of God" by Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A. At St. Peter's Church, "Christ the Revealer of True Human Nature," by Rev. E. M. L. Martin, M.A.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5—6.30 p.m.

Monday.

King's College Opening Ceremony by Sir Cecil Clementi, 3 p.m.

St. Andrew's Young Men's Club Annual Marathon Race, 4.30 p.m. at Kowloon.

St. Paul's Institution (Anglo-French School) Causeway Bay, prize distribution by Lady Clementi, 5 p.m.

Talk on "My Personal Experiences in Russia" by Mr. R. C. Tredwell (U.S. Consul General) at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5—6.30 p.m.

Tuesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. v. H.K.S.R.A., at Marina Ground, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

Cheer 'O Canteen Meeting of Lady Helpers, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Sanitary Board Fortnightly meeting, 4.15 p.m.

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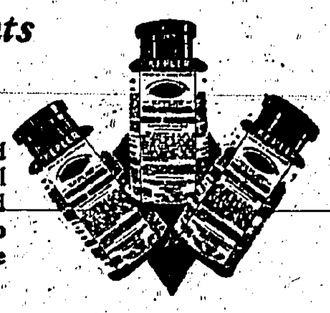

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YOUNG BRIDE'S DEATH.

LORD HEWART'S QUESTIONS TO HUSBAND.

ALLEGED ILLEGAL OPERATION BY ELECTRICITY.

LONDON, Jan. 24th.

The trial of Charles Jackson Palmer, a medical electrician, of Upper Brook-street, Grosvenor-square, W., on a charge of the manslaughter of Mrs. Elsie Alice Goldsmith, of Gordon-square, St. Pancras, the 21-years-old bride of a former paymaster-commander in the Royal Navy, was opened before Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, at the Old Bailey yesterday.

He had been committed for trial on a charge of murder but the grand jury threw out the bill relating to this charge.

Palmer, a tall, clean-shaven man, wearing eyeglasses, pleaded "Not Guilty."

Mr. Percival Clarke, for the prosecution, said that Mrs. Goldsmith returned from her honeymoon at the beginning of October last. She showed some desire not to have a child. On November 21st she went to Palmer's house.

Mrs. Goldsmith arrived there, to all intents a healthy young woman, about 5 in the evening. About 6 o'clock she was dead.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the cause of death was an injection and that the injection was given for an illegal purpose.

When a police-inspector arrived after Mrs. Goldsmith's death, Palmer told him that she had attended for nervous debility. Palmer said that the treatment was given by placing a pad on the spine and passing an alternating current through the body.

Mr. Valentine Harry Goldsmith, the husband, gave evidence regarding his hurried call to Palmer's house after the collapse of his wife.

Lord Hewart: Did you ask him what he was doing when she died?—No.

Asked No Questions.

Did you not ask him any question at all with regard to what was taking place immediately before she died?—I am afraid I did not.

Dr. Robert Macintosh, of Upper Brook-street, said that Palmer called him in on the evening of November 21st and that he applied artificial respiration to Mrs. Goldsmith without success. Palmer said that he was a medical electrician.

Lord Hewart: What is a medical electrician?—I think anyone can call himself a medical electrician. I understand it to be someone who gives electrical treatment which may be advised by a doctor.

Doctors Differ.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, honorary pathologist to the Home Office, said in his opinion death resulted from shock following an injection.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., defending, suggested to Sir Bernard that according to his evidence he and Dr. Weir differed on certain points regarding the inference to be drawn from the post-mortem examination.

"Yes," was the reply, "I am afraid we do."

Mr. Birkett: May I take it that your view is that in certain cases a very low voltage may produce death, whereas in other cases the same voltage would be quite harmless?—Yes.

Sir Bernard thought it possible that electric currents, if of sufficient strength, might be used for illegal purposes, but no such case had been brought to his knowledge.

The Lord Chief Justice: It would be difficult to detect and analyse an electric shock given for this purpose?—It would.

Not Infallible.

Mr. Birkett, in opening the defence, said:

In Dr. Weir and Sir Bernard Spilsbury you have men of high attainments and wide experience, but they are not infallible. It would be an evil day when in the criminal court, merely because of attainments, distinction, or experience the words of any expert were accepted as final and conclusive.

I know the glamour of a great name—I know the effect it has upon me. Sir Bernard Spilsbury has a great name, but on one point of immense significance Dr. Weir and Sir Bernard Spilsbury do not agree.

Palmer, in the box, said he lived with his wife and had been twice married. He began the study of medical electricity under private tutors in 1899, and later went to a university college.

Subsequently he set up in business and got together a good connection, largely among sporting people. He had met with a good deal of success.

Before going to Upper Brook-street he was in Cleveland-row, where he paid a rent of £250 a year. At Upper Brook-street he was paying £300 a year for two years and then £600. He had garage premises which he let for £400 a year.

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He had an L.C.C. licence for electrical treatment. That excluded ultra violet rays. He was visited at irregular intervals by L.C.C. inspectors, who would walk straight into his consulting-room whether he was treating a patient or not. They had done so on several occasions.

The trial was adjourned.

HEALTH WORK IN MALAYA.

RESPONSE BY NATIVE POPULATION.

ROCKEFELLER CHIEF'S TRIBUTE.

The remarkable response of the native population to the anti hookworm propaganda in the Straits and Java, and Malaya's leadership in the fight against malaria are the outstanding impressions received by Dr. Victor G. Heiser, head of the Rockefeller health work in the East, during the tour of inspection on which he is at present engaged.

Interviewed by a *Straits Times* representative, Dr. Heiser said:—

"The work is making very good progress. People are responding almost unbelievably well to the educational campaign. I do not know whether the native population in this part of the world is more responsive than elsewhere, or where it is simply that we have discovered a better method of approach, but at any rate the response has been really gratifying. The health centres that have been established seem to catch the interest of all classes. Malays, Indians and Chinese avail themselves of the facilities offered, and we have received plenty of support from the European element.

Asiatic Manuring Methods.

Asked whether any progress had been made towards making Asiatic methods of fertilising the soil safer, Dr. Heiser said that the problem of soil pollution was looked upon as almost hopeless a few years ago, but he had been very much encouraged by what he had seen during his present tour. There had been a remarkable development in Java where a type of rural sanitation had been invented which cost nothing to maintain, thus removing the great objection to other methods of solving this problem, and which, after a period of six months, enabled the usual method of manuring to be followed without the slightest danger of spreading disease. This idea had been thoroughly tried out in Java and India, where it had worked very well, and it was going to be introduced into Malaya this year.

Native Co-operation.

"The gratifying part of the rural sanitation work is that the natives really understand and appreciate it," Dr. Heiser said. "You can take anyone, almost a child, in a district where an educational campaign has been carried out, and he will tell you the reason why these things are being done. One even hears of coolies refusing to go to estates which are not up-to-date in these matters because they do not want their children to be infected. We are introducing sanitary safeguards, which diseases, such as hookworm, dysentery, typhoid, and cholera, will be done away with. The Java device, which provides safe and excellent fertiliser, will be of especial value on estates. Good green vegetables are almost essential to health, but at present it is not practicable to give them to estate coolies owing to a lack of safe fertilisers, and that difficulty will be removed in future.

Malaya And Malaria.

Dr. Heiser has been giving a good deal of attention to malaria control during his tour through the Peninsula, and he paid the health authorities in Malaya a very high compliment. "I suppose it is true to say that this country, taking the Straits and the Malay States as a whole, is further advanced in this subject than any other that I know of," he said.

"At the Far Eastern Medical Congress at Calcutta there was a difference of expert opinion as to the respective merits of the anti-larval methods used in Malaya, and the system of quinine treatment and capture of the adult mosquito recommended by the League of Nations in Europe. Among poor populations, with no Government backing, the latter system is possibly the only practicable one, but Malaya has unquestionably the more effective method. After all, malaria is so important here, and it is so bound up with the economic development of the country, that they have naturally found it profitable to spend more money on malaria control, and they have been very successful."

Outstanding Work.

"I was much impressed with Sir Malcolm Watson's work at Klang," Dr. Heiser continued. "The malaria division of the F.M.S. Government health service is also doing remarkable work, both in research and in the practical application of knowledge.

THE NEW CHAPLIN FILM.

HUMOUR AND ARTISTRY IN "THE CIRCUS."

SHOWING HERE ON SUNDAY.

NEW YORK.

Charlie Chaplin has come to town again with his new film, "The Circus," and, no doubt, it will soon be on its way to London. It is the old Charlie, pathetic in his humour and delightful in his artistry.

There is none of the pathos that drew tears in "The Gold Rush," but the circus gives him full scope for his whimsicality. As a tramp he tumbles into the ring as a means of escape from the police and revives a drooping audience to exhilarating laughter with his unintentional by-play. He puts the professional clowns to shame.

There are two big scenes. In the first the little tramp rushes inadvertently into the lion's den. The animal is asleep in a corner, and Charlie, discovering its presence, is determined not to arouse the beast. All might have been well if a little dog had not espied the intruder and come barking furiously at him. The escape from the awakened lion must be seen to be enjoyed.

Tight-rope Walker.

In the second scene the inexperienced clown is set to walk the tight-rope. All goes well at first, for Charlie has persuaded a property man to support him with a hook in the back of his trousers. But the hook becomes unfastened. There is no finer moment in the film than when Charlie continues balancing not knowing that the hook no longer supports him, but what paroxysms of fear when he discovers it swinging above his head! The scene develops into extravagance, but it has great moments.

Lastly, the diminutive tramp—his bowler and cane are always with him—is driven from the ring. The circus moves to the next town and Charlie is seen waddling into the distance, dejection in every line of his whimsical figure.

Is there anyone else in the film world whose every gesture must be watched with the closest attention for full appreciation of acting? It has always been so with Charlie Chaplin, and it is the case in this film.

The Prince of Wales saw a private exhibition of "The Circus" at York House.

ANGRY HUSBAND HITS WRONG MAN.

MIDNIGHT ASSAULT ON AN AIR FORCE OFFICER.

A flight lieutenant's midnight encounter with an aggrieved husband, who mistook the officer for another man, was described at West London Police Court.

Malcolm Jones (28), engineer, Lupus-street, S.W., was bound over by Mr. Marshall in £5 for twelve months for assaulting Flight-Lieut. George Cecil Gardiner, R.A.F., of the Air Ministry, Kingsway, W.C.

Flight-Lieut. Gardiner stated that he was returning home to his rooms in Cromwell-crescent, Kensington, at about twelve o'clock, with his umbrella up as it was pouring with rain.

Jones came towards him and the next thing that happened was that the umbrella was knocked over his head. Jones without any warning then struck him twice on the jaw and on the chest.

He put his fists up to defend himself from further attack, and Jones, looking into his face, said, "Oh, my God, I've struck the wrong man. I did not mean to knock you about."

Flight-Lieut. Gardiner said, "What the devil do you mean by attacking me in this way!" and Jones replied, "I thought you were the man who had caused trouble and harm to my wife." Jones said he was very sorry indeed and would compensate the officer for the damage to his umbrella, adding "I hope that will be an end of the matter."

The officer replied, "No, it is not the end of the matter," on which Jones said he would give him "some more."

"I've A Revolver."

Afterwards Jones put his hand to his hip pocket and said, "I've got a revolver here and if you don't clear out you'll get it."

"I just kept by him," said Flight-Lieut. Gardiner, "until I saw a constable, when I handed him over to the officer."

Jones expressed regret to the magistrate. "He is identical with the man who had interfered with my domestic affairs," he said.

Mr. Marshall.—Supposing he were the man you took him to be, you are not entitled to walk about London assaulting people in this fashion.

Flight-Lieut. Gardiner said that if Jones honestly mistook him for the other man, he would be grateful if the magistrate would deal as leniently as possible with him.

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P. & O. Bank	£9½ nom.
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Canton Insurance	$633 buy.
Union Insurance	$322 buy., 323 sa.
North China Ins.	Tls. 143 nom.
Yangtsze Insurance	M. $46½ buy.
China Underwriters	$2.20 buy.
China Fire Insurance	$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$690 buy.
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Tronoh Mines	17/6 buy.
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H.K. & W. Docks	$48½ sel.
China Providents	$6 nom.
Hongkews	Tls. 166 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 5 buy.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 98 buy.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 3.80 buy.
Orientals Cottons	Tls. 2.10 buy., 2/2.15 sa.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 45 buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 22½ buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$8.65 buy.
H.K. Lands	$64½ sa.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 187 buy.
Humphreys Estates	$14½ buy.
Hong Kong Realties	$8.90 buy.
H.K. Territorials	$1 nom.
H.K. Tramways	$25½/35 buy.
Peak Trams (old)	$14 nom.
Do. (new)	$8½ nom.
Star Ferries	$63½ nom.
China Lights (comb.)	$16½ buy.
Do. (old)	$13 nom.
Do. (new)	$9½ nom.
H.K. Electrics	$73½ buy., 75½ sa.
Macao Electrics	$11 buy.
Telephones	$4.35 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 6½ nom.
Singapore Tractions	11/9 nom.
China Sugars	$10.40 buy.
Malabon Sugars	$37½ nom.
Canton Ices	$4 nom.
Cements (combined)	$11½ buy., 11½ sel. 11.30/.40 sa.
Do. (old)	$9.35 nom.
Do. (new)	$1½ nom
H.K. Ropes (old)	$9.70 nom.
Do. (new)	$4½ buy.
United Asbestos	$10 sel.
Dairy Farms	$20 buy.
Watsons	$12.40 buy., 12.45 sa.
Def. A Wings	$5 sel.
Lane Crawfords	$3.40 buy., 3½ sa.
Mackintoshs	$22 sel.
Sincere's	$9 buy.
Wm. Powells	$5 nom.
H.K. Amusements	$29½ buy.
H.K. Constructions	$1½ nom.
B'que. Indus. G.$ Bonds	80% buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% prem. buy.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sale; nom.—nominal.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	RUGBY, Feb. 28th.
Paris	124
Brussels	35
Amsterdam	12.12½
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.625
Helsingfors	193½
Lisbon	2.13/64
Bucharest	792½
Buenos Aires	47⅞
New York	4.87.31/32
Geneva	25.34
Milan	92.15
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	18.31
Prague	164½
Madrid	29.62
Athens	370
Rio	3.59/64
Bombay	1/3.63/64
Yokohama	1/11.1/32
Shanghai	2/6⅜
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A VERY SATISFACTORY YEAR'S WORK.

A very satisfactory year's work was reported at the forty-first ordinary annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., held yesterday in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Ltd. A dividend of $8 per share was declared. This was made possible by a nett profit of $662,305.56 during the year, and was $2 better per share than the year previous.

The Company had also purchased more land for their timber business and a scheme is on foot to dredge between the wharves so as to provide a depth of 32 feet at the lowest spring tide.

The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and the other directors present were Messrs. Allan Cameron, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, A. W. Hayward, C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. T. G. Weall. The shareholders present were Messrs. J. T. Bagram, W. S. Bailey, R. K. Valentine, J. H. Shaw, A. Piercy, J. H. Taggart, A. Murdoch, Fung Kong Un, L. S. Greenhill, C. H. W. Kew, F. C. Hall and N. V. A. Croucher.

Chairman's Review.

The reports were read by the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Bernard who said:—

The nett profit for the year under review amounts to $662,305.56, and this, together with $332,733.68 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of $995,039.24 to be dealt with at this meeting. It is proposed to pay a dividend of $8 per share, absorbing $640,000 and to carry forward the balance of $355,039.24. This dividend is $2 per share larger than that paid for 1926 and I trust the proposal will meet with the approval of shareholders.

Your Directors have transferred $50,000 to renewals account, which will bring that account up to $100,000.

$50,000 has been placed to dredging account and is about half the estimated cost of dredging between the wharves. This work will be done in conjunction with dredging operations now being carried out by the Government. The whole area around the wharves will be dredged to provide a depth of 32 feet of water at lowest spring tide, which is more than sufficient depth required by any vessels using the wharves at the present time.

Turning to the balance sheet, you will observe that $789,619.09 has been expended on Kowloon Land. This represents the purchase of the front portion of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 40, which was acquired for the purpose of a timber yard. It has an area of 213,800 square feet with a water frontage of 660 feet, and makes an excellent site for our timber business. It has enabled us to terminate the lease of the Railway Reclamation property, which we have been renting for storing timber since 1922.

The $656,138.17 added to Kowloon Buildings is the balance paid on the new godown which was completed at the end of the year and is now in use. This is a four storey building with total floor space of 150,000 square feet, the storage capacity being about 30,000 tons. It has an electric conveyor on the outside for landing cargo to the three upper floors and 12 electric cranes inside the godowns for stacking cargo. The building is thoroughly up to date in every respect and is a very useful addition to our property. There is a passage way on the south side of the building leading direct to Canton Road for the use of passengers from steamers berthed at No. 1 wharf. This will avoid the necessity of passengers having to walk amongst cranes and cargo trucks the whole length of the praya to the ferry.

The expenditure of $6,000 on launches is a payment of a launch now under construction to replace one of the older boats.

Under lighters, the $101,733.21 expended is the cost of six large steel craft for carrying timber. These are used for the discharge of timber steamers in the stream, which hitherto discharged alongside a wharf. This released a valuable berth which is now used by vessels bringing general cargo. The amount of $2,500 written off lighters is small, and is due to the fact that the lighters were only delivered towards the close of the year.

Comparing last year's work with that of the previous year, we landed 371,065 tons of cargo against 647,057 tons; 314 steamers discharged at the wharves against 730 in 1926. These figures show an increase of 224,000 tons and 75 vessels. We landed 90,000 tons from vessels in the stream and transhipped a total of 350,000 tons.

Other Business.

Mr. A. H. Compton seconded, and the report and accounts were carried.

The confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. A. W. Hayward and C. Gordon Mackie as directors was proposed by Mr. J. T. Bagram, and seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey.

The re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay and Frank Austin was proposed by Mr. J. H. Taggart and seconded by Mr. A. Murdock.

The re-election of Auditors, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, was proposed by Mr. A. Piercy and seconded by Mr. R. K. Valentine.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants may be obtained on application on and after to-day (Thursday).

F.M.S. RAILWAY TRAVEL.

NEW ROLLING STOCK.

COACHES OF THE LATEST DESIGN.

A few days ago, says the *Straits Times*, some new rolling stock arrived in Singapore for use on the trains running between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, and it proves to be of the most modern design.

So far, two sleeping coaches and restaurant car have been sent to Singapore. The programme provides for about 40 new coaches, of which 14 will be sleepers and the remainder travelling and restaurant cars.

The new stock is a great advance upon anything that has yet been attempted on the F.M.S. Railways both for comfort and appearance. In sleeping cars, which as usual are of the two berth type, much more space is allowed. There are the usual equipments in the shape of wash basins and fans. The bell for the attendants operates a small red disc which, placed out in the corridor, serves as an indication to the attendant. Besides the usual bedside light, a small blue night-light is provided worked from the same switch and within easy reach of the passenger.

The colour scheme has also undergone an alteration. For the lower half, the usual deep brown has been employed. For the upper, ivory white has been used with the lettering in gold with a blue back ground. The interior fittings are superior to anything attempted before. The panels are of mahogany with inserts of satin wood.

The restaurant cars have the same colour scheme. There is a new seating arrangement, and the tables are broader, while the chairs, which are not fastened to the floor, are upholstered in leather.

The sleeping cars are 62 feet 9 inches long and weigh 31¼ tons. The restaurant cars are 27¼ feet long.

Local Train Service.

In addition to these coaches a new coach for the local trains has arrived and this also is a distinct improvement. First and second class accommodation is provided, and the advance made on the coaches of older types is at once obvious.

In Singapore itself, many railway developments are pending, whilst up country work is going on apace. It is thought that in about three years time the East Coast route to Siam, through Kelantan, will be in operation.

DANCING TEAS.

CLOSING OF CAFE REGENT.

A MEMORY OF ARMISTICE.

The Café Regent closed yesterday, and for the time being, at all events, there is one less place where one can dance in Hong Kong. But the dancing public seems hard to shift from its accustomed pitch. The Regent, though it had a good floor and band, was never very popular with dancers, and Lane, Crawford's have filled up the floor space, which the opening of the new lounge allowed to be cleared for dancing, as it was not very much used. But the popularity of Lane, Crawford's restaurant has never warned, and on an average five hundred teas are served there daily. The customers are mostly those who go regularly to enjoy a restful interlude in pleasant surroundings after the burden and the heat of the day; they are not the youngsters who make tea an excuse for dancing. Yet it was in Lane, Crawford's restaurant, then the Café Wiseman, that the first tea dance was held in Hong Kong, on Armistice Day, 1918. These tea dances were continued as an exceedingly popular feature until the old premises were abandoned.

But though we don't dance at tea time in Lane, Crawford's, we dance there at night. The restaurant is in constant demand for private dances and parties and is booked up for this purpose generally four or five nights of each week. We have not as yet heard what are the plans of the proprietors of the Regent Café. There has been some talk of re-opening it as a Chinese restaurant, but this has not so far been confirmed.

CREMATION MAKES HEADWAY.

FIRST DIVIDEND FOR 25 YEARS.

Presiding at a meeting of the Birmingham Crematorium on February 2nd, Dr. Bostock Hill said that for the first time in 25 years they had declared a dividend. It had been a record year. He had tried to discover the cause of objections to cremation other than the idea of its being an aid to crime, which was long since disposed of. There was nothing opposed to Christian ritual in cremation.

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"UNTIL LOVE DIES" MARRIAGE.

JAZZ WEDDING IN A CELLAR.

ANNAPOLIS (Maryland), February 2nd.

The ceremony of what is described as the first partnership marriage was performed in the cellar of an undergraduates club in the quadrangle of St. John's College here yesterday.

A jazz band broke into a syncopated wedding march as the bridal pair came up the basement steps, and cheers were given by five college friends of the bridegroom, dressed in girls' clothes to represent bridesmaids.

"We do not consider the marriage ceremony to be essential," the bridegroom said, "but we realise that we have to conform in some measure to the rules of society. For the words 'Until death us to part' we mentally substituted 'Until love dies.' Also neither of us is under any obligation to support the other."

There was no bride's bouquet or ring.

THE POPE'S SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

IMPOSING CEREMONIAL IN SISTINE CHAPEL.

ROME, Feb. 19th.

The sixth anniversary of the crowning of Pius XI was celebrated with an imposing service in the Sistine Chapel this morning.

The Pope descended from his private apartments into the Vestments Hall, and after receiving homage from the cardinals assembled, put on the pontifical robes and then was covered with the rich and flowing "faldistoria" or mantle woven with red and gold.

Meantime a cortege was formed outside the hall for the purpose of escorting the Pontiff. A company of the Swiss Guards, the representatives of the religious orders, the honorary as well as the secret chaplains and chamberlains, the Consistorial attorneys and a large number of prelates formed the first section of the cortege. Then came the bishops, archbishops and cardinals. The Pope, sitting on the "sedia gestatoria" and wearing the tiera or triple crown, closed the procession surrounded by an escort of Noble Guards and his court.

Upon arriving in the chapel, the Pope descended from the chair, and after kneeling for a while in front of the altar, sat on the throne. He officiated at the mass and was assisted by a number of cardinals.

The same ceremonial was followed when the Pope was taken back to the Vestments Hall. Here the cardinals presented him their wishes anew.—*Manila Times.*

FORMER RUSSIAN PRINCESS AS HOUSEMAID.

PREFERS DRUDGERY TO MARRIAGE WITH AN OLD MAN.

LONDON, Feb. 1st.

Once wealthy, admired and courted by the aristocracy of pre-Soviet Russia, a Russian Princess is now earning her living as housemaid at Hampstead, one of the fashionable residential quarters in London.

She is Princess Mestchersky, and in an endeavor to supplement her income, she has published her reminiscences in book form.

One of the many aristocratic victims of the Soviet, the Princess landed in England penniless and hungry. Her first situation was that of a kitchen maid in a London hotel. Known only as "Miss Baker!," she had to work long hard days, scrubbing steps and floors.

Later she became a waitress at a prominent club. She has now found a place as house-maid with a wealthy family.

"I was only seventeen when the revolution *broke out*," she declares. "Everybody I loved had been killed and I volunteered as a spy in the White Russian Army. Shortly, however, we had to admit that our army was beaten and in disguise I travelled to Constantinople. Here I found a wealthy uncle, who tried to force me to marry a man old enough to be my father. I refused and ran away to France and then came to England."—*Manila Times.*

ANÆSTHETIC UNDER A LORRY.

MAN'S 20 MINUTES OF AGONY.

ARM FIXED IN ENGINE.

Crawling under a motor-lorry at Shepherd's Bush, W., a doctor gave an anæsthetic to a man whose arm had been caught in the engine.

The injured man, Daniel Sweeney, of Wandsworth, S.W., was employed as an assistant loader on a lorry owned by the Rapid Delivery Service, Ltd., of Upper Richmond road, S.W. The driver turned into an alley separating Hammersmith Hospital from Wormwood Scrubs Prison as he wished to turn, and as he backed into Ducane-road the floorboards of the cab apparently became displaced and Sweeney fell through.

His clothes caught in the driving wheel and he was drawn into the machinery, one arm being held fast and badly crushed.

The driver stopped the engine and efforts were made to extricate Sweeney. A policeman telephoned to the hospital for the ambulance and some other person sent for the fire brigade, but it was found impossible to release Sweeney without adding to his agony.

Dr. Griffiths was then sent for from the Hammersmith Hospital. He crawled under the lorry, where Sweeney had been lying for about twenty minutes, and gave him chloroform, after which the injured man was released and taken to hospital.

PROBLEM OF A VENUS.

ONE HALF IN BELGIUM AND THE OTHER IN DENMARK.

BERLIN.

How is the lovely head of the Venus of Cnidus to be united to her body?

This question is being eagerly discussed here by all who love classic beauty. The torso of Praxiteles' statue is in the Cinquantenaire Museum at Brussels, and experts in Greek art have tried in vain to discover what the missing head of this Venus was like.

A Danish savant, Professor Blinkenberg, came to the conclusion that a head in the Karlsberg-Glyptothek at Copenhagen was the lost head of the Venus of Cnidus. A plaster cast was made and sent to Brussels, and it was found that the head and body fitted together faultlessly.

The German archæologists with whom Professor Blinberg has been in touch agree that there is practically no doubt that the two belong to each other, and the question is how can they be united? It is stated that a discussion between Brussels and Copenhagen has begun as to which city shall be the shrine of the whole Venus.

Aphrodite at the Bath, known as the Venus of Cnidus, was made by Praxiteles, the great Greek sculptor of the 4th century B.C., for the people of Cnidus. According to Pliny, King Nicomedes offered to discharge the whole debt of the city in return for the statue, but the citizens valued the work so highly that they refused the offer.

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PRIZE DAY AT DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A YEAR OF GREAT PROGRESS.

SATISFACTORY REPORT AND SOME GOOD ADVICE.

The annual prize distribution at the Diocesan Girls' School Kowloon, took place yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of pupils, their parents and friends. The Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D. D. (Bishop of Victoria) presided, and Mrs. Russell-Brown distributed the prizes and certificates. Among those present were Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., the Rev. Walton Rogers, the Rev. J. H. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. de Martin, the Rev. C. B. Shann, the Rev. N. V. Halward, Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. Churn and Mr. Grose.

Proceedings commenced with a prayer offered by the Rev. Walton Rogers, and the pupils sang the School Hymn. The report for the year which was read by Miss Sawyer" (headmistress) and the Treasurer's statement of accounts showed that the School had made great progress during the year. The Hong Kong University examination results showed that six passed out of seven entered for the junior, and in the senior eleven candidates sat and all passed. In the Royal Drawing Society examination 120 honours were secured, 54 candidates passed, and six failed.

In asking Miss Sawyer to read her annual report, the Bishop spoke about the good work done at the school and the debt of gratitude which they owed to the Headmistress and her staff.

After the distribution of prizes, Mrs. Russell-Brown addressed the gathering and said how glad she was to be in the School which she found to be a wonderful place. She had no idea that there would be such a large gathering of learned men including a Bishop and several Clergymen. She congratulated the prize winners. In her school days she had won several prizes, but never a good conduct prize. (Laughter).

Mrs. Russell-Brown gave some good advice to girls who were shortly leaving School. She asked them not to think that they had finished their education, for the great aim of education was to teach one to do the right thing in the right place and at the right time.

The Rev. W. T. Featherstone proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Russell-Brown for her address. It was a far better sermon than one preached in Church, and he hoped the senior girls would bear her remarks in mind. Colonel and Mrs. Russell-Brown, he said, took great interest in the public life of the Colony, and the School was very grateful to them.

An entertainment was provided by the children and at its close the Bishop commented on its excellence. He thanked the pupils who took part and those who worked behind the scenes.

THE REPORT.

The headmistress's report stated *inter alia*:—

The year 1927 opened with 220 on the roll and closed with 214, the month of February having the record enrolment of 241. The year 1926 began with 199 and closed with 211. Our enrolment in January, 1928 was 239 and this month we are 245 of whom 53 are boarders. This means that we are very full—the boarding house is quite full and with the exception of Class VI other classes are also full.

Last February when our matron Miss Dewing, Miss Walters, Mrs. Kirkby and Miss Mason were on the sick list and Miss Paterson had gone home, real friends of the school came to our help—Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Holden and Miss Trixie Choa, one of my old girls, all came to help and every thing went on in a normal and smooth way.

Mrs. Stout was taken ill in April and called to her rest in July—she had endeared herself to both pupils and colleagues. After referring to other staff changes the report stated:—Dr. Ethel Minett has paid us three visits during the year. In March she again urged the use of the Flush System of sanitation, which I am glad to say is now installed. Early in November Dr. Minett thoroughly examined every pupil in the school and reported any defects As a school we have kept wonderfully free from epidemics and I am grateful to all those parents who help us in this matter. During the summer months we had some very enjoyable and successful bathing picnics.

Help From Parents.

This brings me to another point which I feel I cannot sufficiently emphasize and that is the real practical help the school has received from very many parents. We have not yet our much needed gym and play shed but I hope that by this time next year we shall be the proud owners of one and that we shall be able to invite you all to a Gymnastic Display.

Examination Successes.

If examinations are a criterion of the success of a school (and I do not think they are) we have cause to be pleased. The Royal Drawing Society examination results were excellent: Honours, 120; Passes, 54; Failed, 6. The University local examination results were also good 7 entered for the Senior and 6 passed, one with honours, 11 entered for the junior and 11 passed. The Girl Guides have had their usual weekly meetings and the following badges have been awarded 37 Ambulance, 2 Sick Nurse, 1 Needlewoman, 10 Domestic Service, 7 Entertainer, 4 Toymaker and 1 Laundress.

We have played 7 Hockey matches 5, of which were against outside teams—we lost one.

Mr. De Martin paid us a formal visit on three consecutive days in October and his visit was very helpful.

The D.O.G.A.

The D.O.G.A. has had regular monthly meetings many with the idea of raising funds. Their weekly bathing picnics were very enjoyable.

Among activities mentioned in the report were the Annual School Bazaar which again was a great success:—We made a net profit of $950. But more than the money profit we gained what I consider a real moral victory. The plan of selling everything beforehand by means of tickets and without letting the would-be purchaser see what she is buying has a certain amount of excitement in it and a good deal of gambling. When it was known that I do not approve of this my wishes were at first unwillingly but afterwards very graciously acceded to and with excellent results. We closed school in December with two enjoyable parties and Carol singing. We were sorry to have to say good-bye to Mrs. Kirkby as she was going home—to Miss Dewing, whom, however, we congratulate on her marriage with the Rev. Mr. Shann—to Miss Couche who hopes shortly to rejoin her fellow-missionaries in another province,—to Miss Choa who came to help us at a very difficult time and stayed to the end of the year.

Before closing I want to say a word especially to the parents—a word of congratulation and sincere thanks. I am grateful for the confidence you place in the school—this has been shown to me in many ways, for example in excuses for absence which now are generally brought before the absence instead of after. It is because the parents co-operate with us in keeping the school regulations that in spite of many real difficulties we feel we have had a successful year. I wish now to thank the staff for their loyal support and ever conscientious work and also the many kind friends who have helped us faithfully during the year.

PRIZE LIST.

SCRIPTURE PRIZES:—Irene Gittins, Milly Chan, Mabel Willis, Ethel Banker, Agnes Chen, Agnes Chan, Betty Wong, Stanley Lee, Joyce Anderson, George Kelly, Johanna Holland, Holmes Turner.

NEEDLEWORK PRIZES: — Irene Gittins, Edna Batalha, Frances Lee, Rita Randall, Trudy Hing. Ina Carvalho, Lily Silva, Stella Best.

CLASS MEDALS:—Irene Gittins, Eva Lang, Grace Chan, Ida Ng, Stella Ho, Sophie Tsang, Dennis Gregory, Thomas Whelan, David Willis, Leslie Gregory.

LUGARD SCHOLARSHIP:—Won by Grace Chan. Money value handed down to a comrade who needs the help.

TENNIS CUP:—Won by Class 3: Tamara Ellis, Linda Ozario.

CAPTAIN BALL SHIELD:—Won by Class 3.

GOOD CONDUCT PRIZE, given by Lady Ho Tung (awarded by the votes of the girls):—Molly Churn.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

SENIOR.—Seven candidates were entered six passed:—Irene Gittins (Honours Certificate, distinction in English, Scripture, hygiene, qualified for Matriculation), Phyllis Anderson (distinction in hygiene), Molly Churn (distinction in Scripture), Elsa Batalha, Nancy Leung, Dorothy Smith (distinction in English).

JUNIOR:—Edna Batalha, Edith Broadbridge, Milly Chan (distinction in Scripture), Sheilah Jeffries, Bessie McAinsh, Emmiline Lee Mong Kow, Laura Mong Kow, Eva Lang, Emily Sousa, Esther Wong, Minnie Wong.

ALLEGED TRAFFICKING IN OPIUM.

SHIP MASTERS AND OWNERS IN COURT.

800 TAELS OF ILLICIT DOPE.

There were two "opium cases" before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday. The one heard in the morning related to a seizure of 720 taels of raw and 125 taels of prepared opium on board the s.s. *Hoicheong*, while she was lying alongside the Saikung wharf on February 17th.

The defendants in the case were Mr. Chan Kai Yu, master of the vessel, and the Hoi On S.S. Co., owners of the vessel. Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for the master and the owners were defended by Mr. M. M. Watson. Mr. G. R. Sayer, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, prosecuted.

Mr. Owen said that his client had pleaded not guilty and that as it was his intention to engage counsel for the defence he would therefore have to ask for an adjournment.

Mr. Watson pleaded that his clients were not the owners at the time of the seizure. The vessel was at that time chartered to other people and that the defendants had no control over the ship. He said he could prove this statement as the owners had to take action in the Admiralty Court against the charterers to take the vessel back from them.

Mr. Watson added that the charter was in Chinese and was now being translated, and he would also have to ask time to have it prepared.

Both summonses were adjourned until Monday afternoon.

Opium Under Charcoal.

In the afternoon, Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt prosecuted two Chinese for having in their possession 89 taels of Government prepared opium, which were discovered under some baskets of charcoal.

The first defendant was represented by Mr. W. D. Owen, and the second accused was defended by Mr. Horace Lo.

In his evidence Revenue Officer Watt said that he raided the premises of the defendant at No. 237 Hollywood Road on February 26th. There he found 50 bags of charcoal. He emptied some of the bags on the floor and the opium was found in one of those bags. He questioned the second defendant and the man denied all knowledge. The first accused, however, claimed the coal as his property and said that he was the master of the house and that the other men there were his *fokie*. The coal was also said to have been just unloaded from the *Cheung On*.

After further evidence had been called, both defendants were discharged; the Magistrate remarking that there was not sufficient proof against both of them.

CINEMA NEWS.

"THE SCARLET LETTER."

"The Scarlet Letter," the screen version of the famous story by Nathaniel Hawthorne, comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day until Saturday, with Lillian Gish. As the little seamstress, Miss Gish gives a memorable performance. Lars Hanson, known as the Barrymore of Sweden, makes his American screen debut as "Arthur Dimmesdale," a rôle that requires exceptional skill.

At The World.

Alice Terry plays the principal rôle in "Confessions of a Queen" at the World Theatre to-day. The picture tells the story of a princess who becomes a queen, and of her life as ruler of a county in Central Europe. "Confessions of a Queen" was adapted from "Kings in Exile" by Alphonse Daudet.

Star.

Douglas MacLean's latest farce, "Introduce Me," is being shown to-day at the Star Theatre. The story deals with the efforts of a bashful young man to get himself introduced to a charming young heiress who is being carried off under his nose by a more self-confident rival. The bashful one is forced to assume the identity of a famous alpine climber and the adventures he meets as a consequence make a good story.

THE NEW FORD.

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The new Ford car will be on view in the lounge of the Savoy Hotel for one week as from to-day (Thursday).

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That enforcement falls on April 1 makes no difference, because, as Secretary of Justice Torres said, there is no "April fool" about the new marriage law.

Mr. Torres has issued the rules for the registration of priests and ministers authorized to solemnize marriages.

Before one can be registered as a *bona fide* marriage performer he must belong to a church in good standing. A church is not considered in good standing unless it has a following of at least 200 people.

Each certificate of registration will mean payment of P.2. For cancelling a certificate of registration upon request of the interested party, P.1; and for every certified copy of an entry in the register, P.1.

It is believed that fake pastors will be done away with by this requirement.

More Sad News.

"Any priest or minister solemnizing marriage without having been duly registered in the Philippine library and museum, or who, in solemnizing marriage, refuses to exhibit the certificate of registration to the contracting parties demanding the same, or to their parents, grandparents, or guardians, shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than six months nor more than five years, or by a fine of not less than two hundred pesos nor more than five thousand pesos."

According to Epifanio de los Santos, director of the Philippine library, who is empowered to register ministers and priests, these regulations were unanimously approved by representatives of the various religious orders and sects at a recent meeting.

Manila Churches.

At this meeting the Catholic Church was represented by Don Gabriel La O; the Presbyterian Church by Dr. J. R. Rodgers; the Methodist Episcopal by Dr. F. J. Cottingham; the Church of Disciples of Christ by Rev. E. K. Higdon; the Seventh Day Adventists by Messrs. E. M. Adams and F. L. Chaney; the Iglesia Trinitaria Christiana by its Chief, Mr. Moises Buzon; the Iglesia de los Cristianos Filipinos by Mr. Gil Domingo. Other protestant sects of the Philippines had also representatives.—*Manila Times.*

SUCCESSFUL Y.M.C.A. CONCERT.

MORE TUESDAY NIGHT CONCERTS.

A very successful concert was held at the "Cheer 'O" Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday night. The Misses Aileen and Doris Woods contributed numerous popular items including:—"Sunrise," "Charmaine," "Cherie," and "Why d'yer hang around," and judging by the enthusiasm and applause which followed, double the number would have been insufficient.

(Continued on next Column.)

ST. PETER'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

MARCH PROGRAMME.

STUDY CIRCLE DURING LENT.

There will be no social functions during the season of Lent, and Dances and Whist Drives will be held over until after Easter. In their place, members can take part in a Study Circle which has been formed, to study the "Last Words from the Cross." The Study Circle will be held in the Club every Friday at 8.15 p.m. Members and their friends (gentlemen as well as ladies) are welcome.

Debates.

The motions for the two debates this month are as follows:—

(a) On March 5th "That the Cinema Exerts a Greater Influence on Public Opinion than the Press."

(b) On March 19th "That Labour Saving Devices Encourage Laziness" Speakers for these debates will be announced in due course.

Other Matters.

The Sports Committee have decided not to proceed with the installation of a Rifle Range in the Club.

The Executive Committee have appointed Mr. T. C. Jex to be assistant treasurer for 1928. In future subscriptions and other payments can be sent to him. Mr. Jex is a resident of the Club.

The Club Basement has been allotted to the 5th troop of Boys Scouts and the place is being fitted up for this purpose. Boys desirous of joining the troop are requested to communicate with the Scout master, Mr. W. M. Gittins.

As the number of Overseas members is increasing, the Executive have decided that all members leaving the Colony for any period will be placed on the Overseas List and will receive all official circulars and reports the same as local members. No subscriptions need be paid while a member is out of the Colony.

Diary For March.

March
5th.—Debate on the motion "That the Cinema Exerts a Greater Influence on Public Opinion than the Press"—8.30 p.m.
6th.—Library Committee Meeting—8.30 p.m.
13th.—Entertainment Committee Meeting—8.30 p.m.
19th.—Debate on the motion "That Labour Saving Devices Encourage Laziness"—8.30 p.m.
20th.—Sports Committee Meeting—8.30 p.m.
27th.—Executive Committee Meeting—8.30 p.m.

Miss McGill, who has recently returned to the Colony, captured the audience with her very tuneful rendering of several Scotch Airs.

A change was then effected by the appearance of an instrumental trio: Violin, C.P.O. Beane, R.N.; 'Cello, Mr. J. G. Grenham; Piano, Capt. Fogg, O.B.E. ((In a Monastery Garden).

Mr. H. Glover, who was heard recently in "Merrie England," contributed two fine baritone songs, and C.P.O. Beane, who possesses a very pleasant tenor voice, was heard to advantage in his songs "Maire my Girl" and "Macushla."

The large audience from both Services were very appreciative, and it is hoped to revive these Tuesday night concerts.

CANTON MORE HOPEFUL.

A CURRENCY REVIVAL.

GENERAL CHEN MING SHU TO HELP RECONSTRUCTION WORK?

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

A much more hopeful tone now prevails in Canton and the Government is showing every sign of pushing ahead with the work of reconstruction. The special commission to go into this matter and make recommendations is to meet soon and General Chen Ming Shu, the victor of the East River campaign is expected to take part in this work. According to the *Kung Ping Pao*, General Chen Ming Shu may, after further consideration, accept the post of Chairman of the Provincial Administrative Council which Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has offered to resign in his favour. The Government's policy is expected to be the subject of an important statement by Marshal Li Tsai Hsin in the near future.

Canton is greatly looking forward to the forthcoming official visit of the Governor of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi K.C.M.G.) which, it is understood, has been fixed for March 9th. Sir Cecil's great love and knowledge of things Chinese is well known in Canton.

One of the signs of gradual restoration to normal conditions in Canton is a renewal of confidence in the Central Bank of China. Upon the assurance by the Bank that it will issue no more unsecured notes, the value of their notes has gone up from less than 30 to more than 50 per cent. of their face value.

Re-afforestation of some of the waste lands in the Province will be especially urged on Arbour Day in Canton.

The students of Pui Ching Baptist Academy, Tungshan, Canton, are conducting a vigorous campaign to raise $10,000 for the erection of a hall as part of the scheme to reconstruct the whole institution. Mr. Wan Yue Pun, acting Principal of the Academy since last Autumn, has made several useful reforms during his brief administration. A number of students are going to Hong Kong and Macao in order to solicit donations for the building. So far over $2,000 have been collected at Canton from friends, during the last few days. A former Hong Kong student is now an instructor at Pui Ching Baptist Academy. He is Mr. F. K. Wu, a graduate in law from the University of Michigan in the United States of America.

Freight transportation on the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railroad is being delayed by a strike of loading coolies along the line. The coolies are objecting to the alleged ill-treatment of one of their number by the railway station hands.

GEN. WONG SHIU HUNG.

General Wong Shiu Hung is expected soon to return to Kwangsi Province, where important constructive work is being scheduled. An item of international interest will be the exhibition to be held during the latter part of this summer to commemorate the completion of a series of public highways which will open the Province to foreign trade. Kwangsi's bad roads have been a byeword in the past but it is hoped that a new era of peace and development lies ahead.

General Wong hopes to meet the Governor of Hong Kong in Canton before he returns to Kwangsi.

OPENING OF THE SHEKKI-MACAO MOTOR ROAD.

The motor road adjoining Macao and Shekki is now completed and will be formally opened to the public on March 5th. The celebrations include tea at Shiu San, and according to the Chinese Press the Canton Director of Public Works will perform the opening ceremony.

Four buses will be at the disposal of the public on that day, and after the inauguration a service will run between the two cities. The fare is 35 cents per trip, first class, while 25 cents is the charge for second class. The Macao Press expects that a number of visitors from Canton and Hong Kong will attend the ceremony.

NEW TITLE.

MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN.

It is officially announced that General Li Tsai Hsin has taken the title of Marshal.

NEW SPIRIT IN CANTON.

COURTESY TO FOREIGN VISITORS.

"The changed spirit of Canton is extraordinary," said a recent visitor to our representative. "We read a good deal about material reconstruction, the pulling down of old houses and the cutting of wider better streets, but all this is really immaterial beside the pulling down of old prejudices and the new spirit of friendliness and courtesy which is so striking a feature of all classes of people in the city."

That this friendly spirit appears to be natural and spontaneous adds to its charm, for our informant during his visit a few days ago to Canton, never detected a change of tone when the Chinese spoke to each other in their own language with which he is conversant. "In fact," he added, "the Cantonese appear in a favourable light in comparison with some of their countrymen now resident in this Colony.

The National Dance Hall.

The National Dance Hall which was opened first three months ago on the Bund, seems to be an example of this new spirit. The building which is decorated in a pleasing and tasteful manner, combines dance hall and restaurant where both European and Chinese meals can be obtained. It is frequented almost exclusively by Chinese of the Westernised type, very lovely girls dressed in semi-Europeanised Shanghai dress dance there with young men, some in long coats, others in Western garments. The atmosphere is happy and orderly, and our informant was particularly struck with the beautiful dresses of the young ladies and the skill of the dancers. Everything, we were told, is closed down by midnight while many restaurants and places of entertainment are shut by 9 p.m.

The signs of havoc wrought by the "Reds" are beginning to disappear. There has as yet been little rebuilding but all debris has been cleared away and dangerous buildings temporarily stayed up.

TWO RUSSIAN MUSICIANS.

PLEASURE MISSED THROUGH PASSPORT IRREGULARITY.

It was extremely unfortunate that the concert which was to have been given last week at the Star by Robert and Anatole Kitain had to be cancelled owing to irregularities in their passports.

These two musicians, one a violinist and the other a pianist, are very remarkable players and would undoubtedly have given very great pleasure to music lovers here, and we hope that they may return from Manila and be enabled to give a public performance.

During their stay in the Colony a few friends had the privilege of hearing them in a private house. Even under these conditions with a small piano their playing made a deep impression on their audience. One experienced music lover who was lucky enough to be of the number present declared that the violinist could very nearly be compared to Elman Liszt, Chopin played with an amazing interpretative skill, and Schubert, on the violin, were all, however, swamped by the violin rendering of the "Kolnidreh" of Bruck which moved all who heard it to an extraordinary extent.

The "Kolnidreh" is a three thousand year old Jewish air which is sung in every synagogue in the world on the Day of Atonement.

Other artistes who were unable to perform here under somewhat similar conditions were the Slavienski Choir, who were due here on February the 20th, and were to have given concerts for three nights at the Queen's and three nights at the Star Theatre.

RETURNED BANISHEE.

IMPRISONED FOR THE EIGHTH TIME.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning a Chinese banishee was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with returning from banishment. Sergeant Mottrem stated that the defendant had served seven previous terms of imprisonment, and had been banished for life in January last year. The defendant had been arrested and on taking his finger prints he was found to be a returned banishee.

His Worship imposed a sentence of one year's hard labour.

THE INHERITANCE OF TWO INFANTS

MORTGAGED AT ELDER BROTHER'S INSTRUCTIONS?

ALLEGATIONS OF MISREPRESENTING THEIR AGES.

THEIR APPEAL FROM ADVERSE JUDGMENT.

The Appeal Court (the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Peter Grain and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) yesterday heard an appeal from a judgment of Mr. Justice Wood who refused to grant an injunction restraining mortgagees from disposing of property until the mortgage of £500,000 had been paid.

The property in question was that of the heirs of Wan Lou Kan, a wealthy Chinese who died at Macao on December 15th, 1907.

The appellants were Loo Kwong Lam, 57, Caine Road, and Loo Kwong Him, of the same address, an infant and the respondents were Li Koon Chun and Wing Fat Shing, 81, Wing Lok Street, and Kan Tong Po, the chief manager of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Vœux Road Central.

The circumstances of the case are briefly that these two plaintiffs with four other brothers had mortgaged some property in the course of the settlement of their father's will, and an allegation was made against the two plaintiffs that they represented themselves to have been of full age. Their claim is that they are not responsible for the mortgage, being minors at the time, and that they did not know the nature of the documents which they signed.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon appeared for the two infants, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for the respondents who were the mortgagees.

Both Infants.

After outlining the earlier history of the case and the family, Mr. Potter said that it was admitted by both sides that on February 10th, 1925, the day of the execution of the mortgage, both plaintiffs were infants: Lam, the elder, was two months short of 21 years, while Hin was 19½. It was clear also that this fact that Lam was an infant was known to a Mr. Soong, who played a prominent part in the present case. There had been an earlier action on August 12th, 1924, in which Mr. Soong acted as interpreter, and in which Lam sued as an infant. Soong therefore knew that Lam was an infant six months before the execution of the mortgage, and it was inconceivable that a man in the position of interpreter should not also find out the actual date of birth.

Since this time Mr. Soong had unfortunately died, but though he was aware of the maxim *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*, Mr. Potter regretted that he was compelled to criticise Mr. Soong's behaviour in the present case rather severely. It was better to criticise the dead than convict the living of fraud.

Big Commissions.

Mr. Soong, who was acting in this case for Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley, was alleged to have promised to bring about a settlement of the action if the parties paid him 10 per cent. of the amount recovered from the trustees. Further than this, Soong introduced another interpreter Leung. Leung was acting for the defendants but was supposed to assist the plaintiffs, at a payment of 5 per cent. Cheques in payment of the full 15 per cent. had been traced to Soong's account, while a cheque amounting to 5 per cent. was paid by Soong to Leung, though Leung says that this amount was in payment of a totally different debt, which statement he is unable to substantiate. These actions were characterised in the judgment of the court below as "grasping but not dishonest." Mr. Potter commented that it depended upon the view one took.

Dividing The Property.

On division of the settled property, each beneficiary was to receive $52,704.70. At the distribution a number were to get cash but the two plaintiffs and four other brothers were assigned a piece of property valued at seven lakhs of dollars. They had to pay off a mortgage of $150,000 already existing and return a balance to the trustees of approximately $238,000.

To do this they raised a further mortgage of $400,000 on the property—the mortgage with which this case is concerned—while they had to raise yet another mortgage of $100,000 to pay about $89,000 in commission to the interpreters. All the plaintiffs have got is the interest on property mortgaged for 5 lakhs, and a payment in cash to Lam of $4,296.75 and to Hin of $5,296.75.

The Present Position.

As the position stands at present, the property will not anything like produce $500,000 but they have been adjudged liable to pay the whole mortgage and interest before regaining their property by the learned judge. "Anyone can do that," commented Mr. Potter, "without assistance from the courts. The interest on the mortgage at present is actually greater than the income from the property, so that they are making a dead loss each month."

Two Main Points.

There were two main points which had to be decided: whether the documents signed were fully interpreted to the plaintiffs; and whether the plaintiffs actually stated that they were of full age.

Dealing first with the question of whether the documents were fully explained, Mr. Potter said that Soong was the man who had had the duty of explaining the documents. According to his own statement he had, in Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley's office, spent half an hour explaining the mortgage, the release, and other documents. This release was drawn by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist on behalf of the Trustees and was the only document specifically mentioned in the learned judge's findings of fraud. This release would not in the normal course of events ever be in Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley's office, and presumptive evidence was very strong that it actually never left the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist.

The Interpreting.

No other witness who was present makes any sort of mention of this deed of release, while they say that they think the mortgage was merely explained shortly in general terms. Beside this, both plaintiffs maintain that the deed of release was never explained to them, and that they were told little more than the amount of the mortgage and the rate of interest. They signed the mortgage as they were told in the office of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley, and then proceeded to Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, where the release was executed. Mr. Potter suggested that the plaintiffs' story was transparently true, and that it was quite natural that the elder brothers should just say "If you do not sign, you will not get any money, but you will get your share if you do."

Must Be Proved.

The law, Mr. Potter pointed out, did its best to save infants from victimisation and in the case of fraud his opponents had to allege fraud and prove it as alleged. In this case the alleged fraud consisted in the plaintiffs representing themselves as of full age. The mere signing of a legal document which stated that they were of full age was not sufficient. It had to be proved that the documents had been explained so that they understood them. He defied the average public school boy of 19½ to understand the release before them.

Having contended that the documents had not been fully explained with all their legal consequences Mr. Potter set out to show that the plaintiffs had never stated in this matter that they were of full age, and in fact did not know the meaning of the term.

An Unfortunate Phrase.

Mr. Potter pointed out from the evidence it was admitted that throughout the whole case the simple question "Are you 21 years old?" was never put, and there was a total absence of any evidence of bringing home the meaning of "full age." That unfortunate phrase, which conveyed nothing to the plaintiffs, was frequently cropping up during the case. In the judgment it was pointed out that the plaintiffs had put through deals in property in Macao, but this seemed to Mr. Potter a strong argument in their favour, for if they were legally entitled to put through dealings in Macao, why should it ever occur to them that they were not so entitled in Hong Kong? "An infant cannot some time after he has come of age say he did not know the contents of documents he had signed, but you cannot prove fraud unless you prove that the infants fully understood what they were representing falsely.

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Not For Fun.

"People do not commit fraud for the mere fun of the thing," said Mr. Potter, "but in this case what is the illegitimate advantage. It has been said that Lam wanted money, but is it likely that he would not wait two months for a certain $54,000, instead of sacrificing it for $4,000 and a share in a heavy encumbered property. Further, at the time of the carrying through of the alleged fraud, there was not even a suggestion that the plaintiffs should get cash, but only property.

Alleged Statements.

Far the best authenticated evidence as to whether Hin was of age was what occurred in the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, when Mr. Blake, seeing him, asked Soong if he were of age, and Soong replied that he was. Mr. Blake could not say if Hin heard the question. Mr. Potter submitted that in any case the activities in Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist's office were utterly irrelevant, as the mortgage had already been signed and consequently this statement could not affect the parties.

A Difference Of Views.

At this point Mr. Justice Wood said that the mortgagees did not become parties to the mortgage until they paid over the money.

Mr. Potter with great deference suggested that becoming party to a mortgage had a very definite meaning, and no lawyer could read the learned judge's meaning into it.

Mr. Justice Wood said that such was the meaning he had understood throughout the case in the court below, and Mr. Jenkin maintained that he had never thought there was any other opinion than that of the learned judge.

Mr. Sheldon's recollections coincided with Mr. Potter's, who maintained that such a reading would be a misuse and a twisting of language.

Mr. Potter also pointed out that as Mr. Blake was in no sense acting for the defendants, but for the trustees, and even if the misrepresentation were made to him, there was no vestige of proof that this statement caused the payment of the money, which had in fact been determined beforehand.

The case will be continued this morning.

FOG VICTIMS.

"KINKO MARU" SINKING?

SALVAGE TUG DESPATCHED TO THE SPOT.

CREW ABANDON THE SHIP.

No further news has been received as yet regarding the ill-fated Japanese steamer *Kinko Maru*, but the Agents, Messrs. Mitsu Bussan Kaisha, have informed us that they have instructed the Local Japanese Salvage Co., to render assistance and they sent their tug the *Nachi Maru* to the spot.

The mishap which occured to the *Kinko Maru* as reported in the *Daily Press* yesterday is now more serious than was at first believed. The vessel went on the rocks during the recent heavy fog near Turnabout Island and as a result of the impact, the forward hold was badly damaged, and the vessel is reported to be gradually sinking.

Little hope is entertained of salving her and it is feared that the vessel will become a total loss.

It is also reported that the crew have abandoned the ship making for the shore in their own boats. Foochow is quite close to the scene of the mishap and the crew would probably make for that place.

"STANLEY" RETURNS SAFELY TO HONG KONG.

Although reported as badly aground off Cape Collinson the Government launch *Stanley* refloated and returned to Hong Kong under her own steam. Shortly after her arrival the *Stanley* went to the Kowloon Docks where she will be docked for survey. No serious damage was caused.

During the thick fog which enveloped the Colony yesterday morning the *Stanley*, at the request of H.E. The Governor, left Hong Kong for Taipo. After safely negotiating Lyemun Pass the launch apparently went off her course, with the result that she beached near Cape Collinson. News of the mishap was first received at the Harbour Office by a Police Patrol launch and a Boarding Officer was immediately despatched to the spot, followed later by Commander G. F. Hole, the Harbour Master in the Government launch "Victoria." The *Kausing* was later sent to render assistance.

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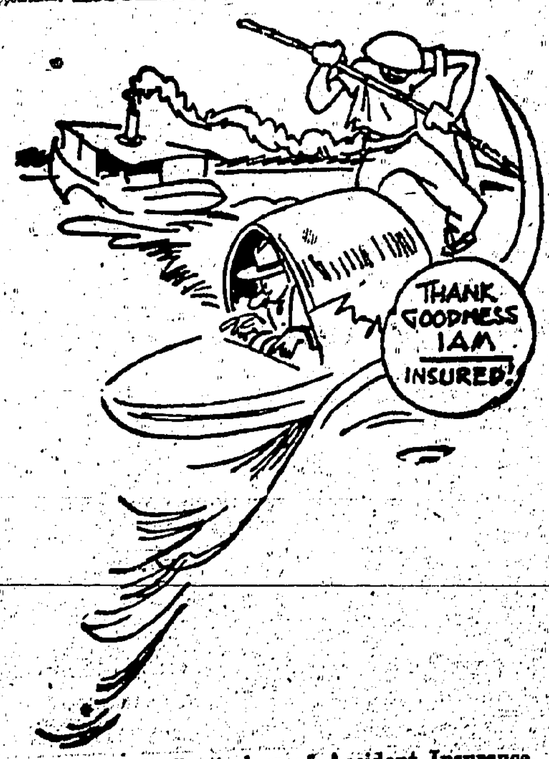

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Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928. [5944

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Hong Kong, 29th February, 1928. [5946

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GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for SPECIE and MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the Sum of £40,000, will be Received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 O'CLOCK A.M. on the 1st MARCH, 1928.

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H. G. RILEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C.
His Majesty's Treasury Chest Office,
Hong Kong. [4942

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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Hong Kong, Feb. 29th, 1928. [5941

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13TH MARCH, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21ST MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928. [5943

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. BUILDING, on FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1928, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3RD MARCH, 1928, to 16TH MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928. [5924

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS have been fixed provisionally for the following Dates:—

17TH MARCH.
7TH and 9TH APRIL.
28TH and 28TH MAY.
23RD JUNE.
6TH and 8TH OCTOBER.
10TH NOVEMBER.
1ST DECEMBER.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1928. [5937

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANDREW HARPER & SON have Ceased to be the Authorised Dealers of this Company for HONG KONG and SOUTH CHINA as from the 20TH Day of JANUARY, 1928.

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F. H. CRAPNELL,
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Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928. [5917

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927, at the Rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 27TH FEBRUARY, 1928, at the Offices of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
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Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1928. [5928

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By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1928. [5880

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
HERBERT B. STUBT,
Manager and Secretary
St. George's Building,
Hong Kong, Feb. 20th, 1928. [5905

COMPAGNIE DE MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

THE Undersigned, going Home on Leave, begs to inform that MR. LESDOS has been appointed Local Agent of the COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES with effect from the 25TH INSTANT.

(Sgd.) J. LIMAGE,
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THE CIVIL SERVICE TRADITION.

THE action of the British Government following disclosures made in the course of a law suit against Mrs. DYNES emphasises the extremely high standard of integrity demanded of British Civil Servants. For this departure from that standard, in a matter in which there was no suggestion of corruption or of the use of inside information, a senior official has been dismissed and the careers of two others terminated, for in these times of strenuous competition for promotion the set back received by Lieut.-Commander MAKER is not likely to be made good. Public opinion will certainly approve what has been done. Civil servants enjoy many advantages. Once they secure entrance to the Service the work is permanent with an adequate pension at a reasonable retiring age. There are great positions open to men of exceptional ability, while throughout all branches the future is assured. The pay, though small compared with the awards of big success in business or the professions, does not lag far behind the money earned by most men of corresponding ability in private enterprise. In return for this it is demanded that every official shall uphold the great tradition of the Service.

The ordinary integrity that is beyond the acceptance of any form of reward for deviation from the proper line of action goes without saying. But beyond that Civil Servants and Ministers of the Crown are not allowed to make use of official knowledge when investing their own private means. The present case recalls the Marconi incident of 1913 when it transpired that three leading members of Mr. ASQUITH'S Government, two of them Cabinet Ministers, had made purchases of shares in the Marconi Company with which the Government were negotiating important contracts. There were vague suggestions, as in this case, of further speculations of a more serious nature, but an inquiry of a judicial nature presided over by a Conservative ex-Lord Chancellor, finally disposed of anything beyond a grave lack of judgment on the part of the persons involved.

At the present time a Minister on taking office has to resign all directorates which he may hold. The sequel to the Dynes case will emphasise that public officials are not allowed to indulge in speculation. It may be urged that it is difficult to say where investment ends and speculation begins. There is a wide stretch of debateable ground but a conscientious person should have no difficulty in making such a decision. There are plenty of safe, if somewhat dull, fields for the employment of money that have no semblance to a gamble.

It has been suggested in several home papers that the salaries of the higher officials need readjustment in view of increased prices and income tax and this may be a proper subject for investigation. It is a first element of political economy that judges and great officers of state should be in such a position of financial security that they are not open to temptation. But the objective of the Public Services is not money making. The idea of competing in this respect with those outside has to be abandoned. Furthermore the suggestion that there were "perquisites and pickings" attached to such service would be fatal not only to efficiency but to the whole system of official uprightness upon which the British Empire is founded.

Two Chinese cases of enteric were reported from the Victoria district on Tuesday.

Entries for the Kowloon Marathon close to-day and the race takes place on Monday, March 5th.

Mrs. Ralph will distribute the prizes at the British Central School on Thursday, March 8th, at 5.30 p.m.

The Navy defeated the Dockyard Police at billiards by 845 to 679. The match took place at the Dockyard Police Club.

His Honour Sir Peter Grain, Judge of the British Supreme Court, Shanghai, has been elected President of St. George's Society, Shanghai.

The European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, are holding one of their enjoyable Ladies' Night entertainments this evening. The programme starts at 9 p.m.

A dinner will be given by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at the South China Restaurant in honour of General Li Tsai Hsin on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

To-day is St. David's Day. The local St. David's Society is to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph at 11 a.m. and a dinner is being held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant this evening.

A Chinese who fell from the second floor of No. 23, Main Street, West Point, died of his injuries soon after at the Government Civil Hospital. A pedestrian on whom he fell was also injured but not seriously.

The prize-giving of St. Stephen's College will take place in the Great Hall of St. Stephen's Girls College, on Friday, March 2nd, at 8 p.m., when Mr. Kok Kon Sang will distribute the prizes. Friends and old boys are requested to attend.—ADVT.

A musicale will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 8th, at 5.30 p.m. The following will take part. Mrs. Sanger, Miss Dunbar, Mr. John Bragg and Mr. Bowes-Smith. Tables for tea must be booked by Wednesday afternoon at the latest. ADVT.

At 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the Kowloon Brigade was summoned to the Kingsclere Hotel, but on arrival found that their services were not required. It appears that a number of knives were placed too near the stoves and composition handles ignited. The matter was dealt with by the servants.

An accident which might have proved very serious indeed occurred yesterday afternoon in Laichikok Road, Kowloon, to an Erskine Studebaker car (No. 619). The vehicle caught an obstruction by the side of the road and overturned. It was considerably damaged, but the persons inside, though shaken and alarmed all escaped injury.

Miss Sou-mi Chong, the Chinese woman jurist, who has held the post of Chief Judge of the Shanghai District Court passed through here on Tuesday on board the s.s. *General Metzinger* on her way to Marseilles. She was recently offered the post of the Shanghai Provincial Court in place of Mr. Loo Hing Yuen but refused the appointment.

S.S. "FRANCONIA" HERE TO-DAY.

INTERESTING ROUND-THE-WORLD CRUISE.

SOME SHIP-BOARD INNOVATIONS.

The s.s. *Franconia* was due in the harbour this morning at daylight, her berth being at the Kowloon wharves. She leaves for Shanghai to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. with Sir Miles Lampson among her passengers.

The usual excursions round the Island, to the Peak, and over the New Territories have been arranged by the agents, Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, who have a special cruise staff on board. At the time when the cruise was arranged it was not considered advisable to include trips to Canton or Macao.

The *Franconia* which left New York on January 7th is due back again on May 31st, and an exceptionally interesting cruise has been planned for her. She has already touched at Madeira, Alexandria and Naples, and her passengers have had the opportunity of seeing something of India. After Shanghai, Japan is to be visited and then by way of Manila and Java, South Africa, with inland excursions to Kimberly, the Victoria Falls, etc., South America and Martineque.

There are over three hundred passengers on board, among them the Count and Countess of Fontanar (Spain), Her Highness the Princess Emina Ismail of Egypt, Judge Jean H. Norris of New York, and H. E. M. Paravicini (the Swiss Ambassador to Egypt) and Mrs. Paravicini.

The *Franconia* is a Cunard liner of 20,000 tons, under the command of Captain R. B. Irving, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R. Among the officials are a lecturer, two chaplains, two surgeons, a dentist and a hostess. Every thought has been given to making the cruise not only interesting but as comfortable as possible. There is a barber's shop and a staff of lady hairdressers, an electric bath, swimming pool, gymasium and squash racquets court.

An interesting innovation is the system of à la carte meals by which passengers who do not care for the regular table d'hôte menu may order any special dishes they prefer without extra charge.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 7.20 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone over Japan has weakened moderately. Conditions over China are uncertain.

Local Forecast:—Variable winds, light to moderate; overcast; foggy; some rain.

ASSASSINATION AND TERROR STILL RIFE IN SHANGHAI.

DESPERATE AFFAIR YESTERDAY: SEVERAL CONSTABLES SHOT.

NANKING CALLS UPON HANKOW TO JOIN THEIR CAMPAIGN.

WAR CLOUDS IN SHANSI AND CHIHLI.

RUMOURED LOANS FOR DICTATOR CHANG TSO LIN.

A Reuter telegram from Shanghai refers to a "notable decrease in Communist propaganda," but says that "assassination and terrorism" still continue, a prominent anti-Communist Labourite having been shot on Tuesday while, yesterday morning, a Chinese, held-up by the police, shot at two Chinese constables, fatally wounding one and injuring the other. He also seriously wounded a Sikh policeman. This desperate individual, unfortunately, got away scatheless in the confusion.

Shansi and Fengtien forces are still "marking time" for a heavy blow. The Fengtienese have of late considerably increased their forces in Northern Shansi, while the Shansi Army is reported to be waiting a favourable opportunity to launch an attack.

Reports are published in the native Press that Dictator Chang Tso Lin is negotiating a loan "with the Japanese Government and that the Soviet Government are ready to back the Peking Government to the tune of $20,000,000!"

SHANGHAI'S STRUGGLE WITH "REDS."

DESPERATE CHARACTERS STILL ABOUT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, February 29th.

The recent arrests of prominent Communists, including Chow Chi Chu, secretary of the General Labour Union, have resulted in a notable decrease of Communist propaganda but that assassination and terrorism are still going on is evident in the shooting yesterday morning of a prominent anti-Communist Labourite in an alleyway near Jessfield, while endeavours to suppress armed robbery were again costly early this morning when a long-gowned Chinese, held up at the Haining Road barrier by Chinese constable, drew an automatic revolver and shot a constable in the leg. He then killed another with a shot in the head and seriously wounded a Sikh policeman with three shots. The murderer escaped in the confusion scatheless.

NANKING AND THE HUNANESE "REBELS."

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29th.

The Nanking Government intimates that the Hunanese, under Ho Chien and Liu Hsing, would be forgiven, except General Yeh Kai Hsin, if they are willing to surrender.

FENGTIENESE AND SHANSI.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29th.

According to a report from Taiyuanfu, capital of Shansi, the Fengtienese defence line in Northern Shansi has recently been greatly reinforced. The Shansi troops will not resume attack on a large scale at present unless they are forced to do so.

"War Clouds."

War clouds are hanging over Taiming, Southern Chihli, and both sides are ready.

Generals Chang Hsu Liang and Yang Yu Ting have proceeded to Shihchiachuang, where they will establish temporary headquarters and direct operations.

RUMOURS OF LOANS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29th.

The Nanking authorities have obtained a report "from certain sources" to the effect that Marshal Chang Tso Lin is conducting negotiations with the Japanese Government for a loan of $8,000,000.

A Japanese report says that the Soviet Government wishes to resume international relations with the Peking Government. The report also states that Russia has proposed a loan to the amount of $20,000,000 to the Peking Government and that the manager of the Dalbank at Harbin has proceeded to Peking for the purpose.

SURPRISE APPOINTMENTS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29th.

The Nanking Military Council has appointed Messrs. Wang Ching Wei, Hu Han Min and Chen Kwei Leing as members of the Council.

CHINA'S ASPIRATIONS.

PEKING FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, February 28th.

Mr. Lo Wan Kan, the new Foreign Minister, has issued a statement on his policy.

He points out that while the country is in the throes of civil strife he cannot expect satisfactory progress in the adjustment of international relations but whatever is conducive towards the strengthening of international friendship and promoting goodwill among Chinese people and foreign nations must be encouraged. "Whether in the North or South, whatever the faction or party, it is revision of unequal treaties for which our people have been striving in the past decade; and we are as one voice in that our fortunes as a nation depend on the realisation of this common aim. It grows out of the desire for self-respect and progress and cannot be suppressed. In recent years, friendly Powers have come to understand our attitude and there have been numerous declarations of promising assistance for the realisation of our aspirations. I am convinced that the attitude of the Powers is sincere. We ought with united voice devise concrete plans. What we ask is merely the restoration of our national sovereign rights and we hope our friends will be moved by our appeal."

NATIONALIST CALL TO HANKOW ARMY.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 29th.

The Nanking Government issued a statement yesterday conveying congratulations to the Hankow Army to the effect that they under the able generals, Pei Chung Hsi, Ching Chien and Hu Chung Tu, had achieved a great success in their recent expedition to Hunan, having completely routed the "reactionaries."

It was time that a joint expedition under the standard of the Kuomintang should be directed northwards against the Northern militarists and, therefore, the Hankow Army was asked to be ready to mobilise in order to strengthen the Kin-Han Railway line.

The Nanking Government has despatched General Li Chung Jen to Hankow with a mission to consult with the Hankow leaders regarding the matter.

POISON GAS IN WARFARE.

STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 28th.

The use of poison gas in wartime formed the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Baldwin, the Premier, stated that the Government did not think it expedient to ratify the Convention prohibiting its use until all the important Powers had ratified, or had signified their intention of ratifying.

Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) suggested that Britain follow the French example of ratifying without being bound until the other States had come into line.

Mr. Baldwin expressed the opinion that if we await the other ratifications that will be the best way of achieving our ends. He added that as far as he was aware no Power had signified intention to ratify.

THE "FRANCS CASE."

LABOUR PARTY ASK HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER EPISODE THEIR CHIEF CONCERN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 29th.

The Labour Party Executive have decided to ask for a debate in the House of Commons on the Board of Enquiry's report on the so-called francs case with special relation to that part which refers to the Zinovieff letter episode.

EARTHQUAKES.

CALIFORNIAN OILFIELDS SHAKEN.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HAKERSFIELD, California, February 29th.

A series of earthquakes shook the oil fields on the outskirts of the city last night.

BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

BUSY WITH THE NEW TREATY.

FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAIRO, Feb. 29th.

Protracted party meetings and frequent conferences between party leaders and also between Premier Sarwat and Lord Lloyd indicate that the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations are nearing a crux.

The *Elahram* publishes another summary which apparently is the most accurate reflection of the conversations hitherto published.

The newspaper declares that the proposed Treaty will be effective for ten years during which the British occupation will remain unchanged. At the end of the decade, the question will be submitted to the League of Nations, if agreement is not previously reached. Other clauses modify the present British supervision of internal affairs and the Sirdarate. In the event of a declaration of war arbitration Egypt will help her in Egyptian territory.

Great Britain will support the Egyptian entry into the League of Nations immediately the treaty is signed.

It is understood that Sir Austen Chamberlain has informed Sarwat Pasha that if the conversations do not result in agreement, Britain will have her hands free concerning the four so-called reserved points, namely, the defence of Egypt against foreign aggression, the maintenance of the British Imperial communications, protection of foreign interests in Egypt and future administration of the Sudan.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Another Version Of The Draft Treaty.

CAIRO, Feb. 28th.

Nahas Pasha, the leader of the Wafd, who has been apprised of the progress of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations, denies the accuracy of the forecast of the draft of the treaty as published by the newspaper *El Ahram*.

In the meantime the *Al Mokkatam* publishes a new version, somewhat similar to that in the opposition journal, but stating that troops will remain in their present stations for five years.

It also states that Egypt will have the right to conclude treaties with regard to internal, economic and commercial affairs, but political treaties must be submitted for British approval.

BRITISH UNEMPLOYED.

FURTHER DECREASE ANNOUNCED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 28th.

The latest official report gives the total number of unemployed as 1,136,700. This is 23,072 less than a week before and 50,350 less than a year ago.

JAPANESE POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

DIET SESSION IN APRIL.

CORONATION ESTIMATES AND OTHER BUSINESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Feb. 29th.

It is announced that a special Diet Session has been called for April 20th, to last a fortnight.

It is understood that the business will be confined to the passage of the Coronation Estimates and also to a slight addition to the present fiscal year's Budget which, owing to the dissolution in January, has been automatically re-enforced in the coming fiscal year.

The Minseito threatens again to introduce a motion of confidence, which might lead either to another dissolution or to the resignation of the whole Government but, in view of the whole country's desire to prevent a hitch in the passage of the Coronation Estimates, it is generally considered that no such motion will be presented before the December Session at the earliest.

THE "ALCANTARA" COLLISION.

LACK OF RUSSIAN EFFORT.

CORONER'S CONDEMNATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 28th.

In recording a verdict of "Death by drowning" at the inquest on the *Alcantara* victim, whose body was washed ashore in a life-buoy at Dungeness, the Coroner said that he failed to see why something had not been done on the Russian ship to save the lives of those on board the *Alcantara*. The Russians should have thought a little more of others and a little less of themselves.

CANADIAN FLYING CLUBS.

MORE MACHINES ORDERED FROM BRITAIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 28th.

The Canadian Government are extending their scheme for the establishment of flying clubs in the Dominion.

Forty De Havilland Moth light aeroplanes have already been delivered from England, or are on order for the Government and private enterprises in Canada, and the Canadian Government have ordered another twenty machines for the new flying clubs.

ADMIRAL LEVESON.

RETIRES FROM THE NAVY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 28th.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, G.C.B., has retired, and Captain E. R. G. Evans, C.B., D.S.O., has been promoted Rear-Admiral.

[Admiral Leveson entered the Navy in 1883, and is now 68 years of age. He has latterly been First and Principal A.D.C. to H.M. the King. He has had a distinguished career. He was Commander-in-Chief on the China Station from 1922 and 1924. In the Great War, he was engaged in the Battle of Jutland.

Rear-Admiral Evans, who is also well-known in Hong Kong, commanded H.M.S. *Carlisle* from 1921-1923, and during that period distinguished himself by his gallant action in saving the lives of many Chinese in the s.s. *Hong Moh* disaster, for which he was awarded a special gold medal by Lloyds. In the War, he commanded H.M.S. *Broke*, when that ship, with H.M.S. *Swift*, engaged and defeated six German destroyers. He has been prominently identified with Antarctic expeditions, and frequently lectures on his experiences as a member of Captain Scott's ill-fated expedition.]

EARL JELLICOE.

ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF BRITISH LEGION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 28th.

Earl Jellicoe has accepted the Presidency of the British Legion as the branches have overwhelmingly voted in approval of the Executive Council's offer.

CEYLON AND "RESTRICTION."

CONDEMNS EXISTING SCHEME AS "DEFECTIVE."

ANSWERS MR. AMERY'S URGENT REQUEST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOMBO, February 29th.

In response to an urgent request from Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, Dominions' Secretary, asking their views on the subject of restriction the Ceylon Estate Proprietary Association met yesterday and, with only one dissentient, passed a resolution that they considered the existing scheme defective as not embracing all the producers and expressed the opinion that an earnest endeavour should be made to devise a really comprehensive scheme.

A special sub-committee is now drafting recommendations on the basis of this resolution for transmission to Mr. Amery.

INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT REGISTER.

"LLOYDS" OF AVIATION.

IMPORTANT SCHEME.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 28th.

The first issue of a new aircraft international register, which will be to commercial aircraft what Lloyds is to shipping, has now been published.

Its interest extends to something more than a mere register, for its organisers are preparing to take over, from the Air Ministry, the inspection of all privately-owned British aircraft for the renewal of their airworthiness certificates.

A system comparable to that which pertains to shipping is aimed at.

The Board of Trade exercises a strict survey over certain classes of ships, and especially passenger vessels, and the classification in Lloyds register forms in the main, the basis of insurance rates.

"If the present plans materialise, the Air Ministry Airworthiness Department, as before, will be responsible for each machine when issued from the factory, but the aircraft register will be responsible for seeing it is maintained in accordance with the Government regulations.

It is pointed out that such a scheme will provide advantages from the insurance point of view similar to those provided by Lloyds Register.

U.S.A.'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

U.S. CLERGY ASK PRESIDENT TO VETO.

"WILL ALARM THE WORLD."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29th.

President Coolidge received a deputation of clergymen to-day who came to urge him to veto the naval programme if the Bill passed the House of Representatives as it would alarm the world.

Mr. Coolidge, in reply, said the programme was moderate and could not alarm other countries.

Question of Building.

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives has eliminated the requirement in the Bill increasing the Naval Appropriations, that the new cruisers should be completed within six years.

The proviso is struck out as many American shipyards will be unable to submit tenders for completion within that time.

DORIOT'S SENTENCE.

REVOLUTIONARY SAID TO BE IN MOSCOW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Feb. 28th.

The French Communist deputy, M. Doriot, who was sentenced in absence to a year's imprisonment for inciting soldiers in Indo-China to disobedience, is reported to be in Moscow.

The sentence has been revised in default and increased to three years' imprisonment and a fine of 3,000 francs, for his revolutionary activities in China and Indo-China last year.

BRITISH RAILWAYS AND ROAD TRANSPORT.

COMPETITION WITH MOTOR TRAFFIC.

RAILWAY BILLS BEFORE THE COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 29th.

Parliament began last night what is likely to be a protracted examination of Bills presented by railway companies for the extension of powers which will enable them to operate road services for the transport of goods and passengers.

The railway companies claim that in fairness they should be allowed to meet the competition of road transport undertakings which, unlike them, are not general carriers and are not bound to accept all traffic that offers but may choose to carry only the most profitable loads. For road undertakings it is suggested that if powers were granted to the railways they might in time obtain a monopoly of all transport services.

The interests of the public in transport are being closely watched in Parliament.

It is anticipated that the second reading of the Railways Bill will be passed to-night. The Bill will then be sent to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament before which details will be fully examined.

OBITUARY.

FORMER HONG KONG ARCHDEACON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 28th.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Dr. William Banister, Rector of Selham, Sussex.

The deceased was the first Bishop of Kwangsi, and had been associated with missionary work in China for 43 years.

[The Right Rev. William Banister, D.D., was Archdeacon of Hong Kong from 1902 to 1909. Born at Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire, on May 31st, 1855, he was educated privately and at the Church Missionary College, Islington.

He was ordained a deacon by the Bishop of London in 1879, a priest in the following year, and was a curate at Balderstone, Blackburn, until he entered the missionary field under the C.M.S. in 1880. His first charge in China was at Foochow and Kucheng, under the Fukien Mission, and he remained there from 1880 to 1893. From the latter year until 1896, he was Principal of the C.M.S. Theological College of Foochow.

In 1897 the Rev. W. Bannister came to Hong Kong as Secretary of the C.M.S. Later he was appointed Archdeacon and during 1906-07 he was Commissary of the Archbishop of Canterbury during the vacancy in the See of Victoria. In 1909, he was appointed Bishop of Kwangsi and Hunan, and he held office until 1923, when he retired from the China mission field and proceeded to England.

Deceased was the author of a Scripture Catechism for the young and of Notes on the 1st Corinthians, both in Chinese.

Mrs. Banister, who was also well known in Hong Kong, was a daughter of Mr. T. Grime, of Preston, Lancashire.]

MONROE DOCTRINE.

AN ARGENTINE PROTEST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, February 28th.

An echo of the recent Pan-American Conference at Havana was heard by the League of Nations Committee on Arbitration and Security, to-day.

The delegate of the Argentine Government drew attention to the Monroe Doctrine and objected "in the interest of historical truth" to the wording of Article 21 of the Covenant, which states:—"Nothing in the Covenant shall be deemed to affect the validity of international engagements, such as treaties of arbitration and regional understandings like the Monroe doctrine for maintaining peace."

The Argentine delegate described the Monroe doctrine as a unilateral political declaration by the United States which had never been explicitly approved by the other American countries. It was therefore not a regional understanding. It was unequal; hence his protest.

"OUTLAWING WAR."

U.S. NOTE UNWELCOME IN PARIS.

"DOES NOT DEAL WITH REALITIES."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, February 28th.

The State Department has issued the text of Mr. F. B. Kellogg's reply to M. Briand's Note with regard to the treaty outlawing war.

Mr. Kellogg demands that the Treaty shall clearly set forth the determination of the parties to abolish war among themselves and condemns the effort to limit the scope of the treaty to "aggressors."

He contends that exceptions and qualifications stipulating when the nations would be justified in going to war would weaken the treaty, and he concludes again by proposing that France join the United States in inviting Japan, Italy, Britain and Germany to consider the Franco-American exchanges of views.

He hopes to get the principal Powers together for the purpose of concluding a multilateral treaty proscribing a recourse to war.

Mr. Kellogg says that if the members of the League of Nations cannot without violating the terms of the Covenant agree among themselves and with the American Government to renounce war, then it seems idle to discuss either bilateral or multi-lateral treaties.

He points out that the recent Pan-American Conference passed a resolution condemning war as an instrument of national policy and it is significant that of 21 nations represented at the Conference, seventeen are members of the League of Nations.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris Press Comment.

PARIS, February 29th.

Mr. Kellogg's latest Note is not more welcome to the Paris Press than were its predecessors. The chief objection apparently is that it does not deal with realities and that there is "some suggestion of insincerity."

Le Journal, however, says that though Mr. Kellogg's Note does not mean adherence to the Geneva formula it does not close the discussion but prepares the way for fresh explanations which M. Briand will not fail to furnish.

A CARDINAL'S CAREER.

FROM BOOKBINDER'S APPRENTICE TO PRIMATE.

VIENNA, Jan. 12th.

Dr. Friedrich Gustav Piffl, the Prince-Archbishop of Austria, has just solemnised the fortieth anniversary of his inauguration as priest. Some fifty years ago, when he was fourteen years of age, he became a bookbinder's apprentice, although it was the boy's desire to be sent to college. His was a large family, which could not afford the expense, but one of his teachers, a priest, rendered it possible for the gifted boy to gratify his desire.

The eighth day of the month, it is interesting to note, has been an important date in the Cardinal's life. He entered college on September 8th; on January 8th, 1888, he was inaugurated priest; on January 8th, 1907, Provost; and on June 8th, 1913, Prince-Archbishop of Vienna.

Dr. Piffl has had a remarkable career, not only as priest, but also as clerical journalist and propagandist. He wrote a very large number of leading articles, pamphlets, etc., and started Catholic publications which were read all over the country. Some years ago he initiated the "Little Church Paper of Vienna," which has become extremely popular.

On Sunday last the congregations at over five hundred churches in the Vienna diocese prayed for the Cardinal's good health. The Chancellor, Monsignor Seipel, has addressed an enthusiastic letter of congratulation to the Prince-Archbishop.

LAWN TENNIS.

TO-DAY'S GAMES—WEATHER PERMITTING.

FOUR JAPANESE CHAMPIONS.

Ths struggle for the Open Singles Championship of the Colony has been fixed to commence to-day on the Hong Kong Cricket Club courts—the usual venue. It is improbable that any play is likely to-day as the rain of the past few days has made ground conditions bad.

Four matches are down for decision, in every one of which Japanese feature. Honda, their redoubtable champion, is against J. Cassumbhoy whom he defeated in straight sets last year, but a better match is expected this time, as the latter has shown real improvement since the last tournament. Lieut. Hale makes his initial appearance and will be opposed to T. Fujieda whom he is expected to beat. It will be interesting to see how the Naval exponent will shape as he has had considerable experience. Yamada who ranks second to Honda among the Japanese is also down to play. Two other handicap matches are also fixed for to-day and the full list is as follows:—

Open Singles.

T. Honda *v.* J. Cassumbhoy.
T. Isomura *v.* T. Yamada.
T. Fujieda *v.* Lieut. J. Hale.
R. P. Lonsdale *v.* Y. Sajiki.

Handicap Singles "B."

M. M. Watson (rec. 15) *v.* W. A. Stewart (rec. 15.1).
H. C. MacNamara (rec. 15) *v.* J. F. Kennedy (rec. 4/6).

Scratchings.

O. C. Womack (owe 16) has scratched to C. L. C. Sandes (rec. 3/6) in the Handicap Singles "A." The latter will now play the winner of M. M. Watson *v.* W. A. Stewart in the second round.

S. M. Garrard and J. H. M. Andrew (rec. 5/6) have scratched to C. L. C. Sandes and H. A. Graves (rec. 5/6) in the Handicap Doubles. The latter pair will now meet the winners of Rev. F. P. W. Alexander and Capt. A. G. Dobbie (owe 15.3) *v.* S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 15) in the second round.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY 1ST XI *v.* ROYAL NAVY 1ST XI.

This League match takes place on Saturday, March 3rd, at 2 p.m., at King's Park.

University:—C. W. Lam (Capt.), Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. D. Laing, A. A. Rumjahn, S. V. Gittins, J. Barrow, W. H. Sling, F. I. Zimmern, A. P. Gutterres, E. A. Lee, and A. T. Lee. Scorer: Mr. C. L. Tan. Umpire: Dr. C. H. Yeoh.

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI. *v.* H.K. ELECTRIC.

This League match takes place on Saturday, March 3rd, at 2 p.m., on the University ground.

University:—F. Hiptoola (Capt.), A. Baker, Dr. M. B. Osman, B. N. Sudan, K. T. Loke A. B. Sulieman, A. Chan Fook, S. R. Kermani, S. F. Chen, N. P. Karanjia, and H. T. Barma. Scorer: Mr. G. E. Yeoh.

HOCKEY.

MATCH ABANDONED.

The hockey match between the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI. and the K.O.S.B.'s arranged to take place yesterday afternoon at the United Services Recreation Club ground had to be abandoned owing to wet state of the pitch.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

PRESENTED CUPS RACE RE-SAIL.

The Presented Cups Race for the "H," "Y" "I" and "G" classes of racing yachts will be re-sailed next Saturday. Preparatory and starting guns will be at the usual times.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RANGERS TOP THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 23th.

The Rangers defeated Queen's Park by 4-0 in a Scottish League match.

In the Northern Section of the Third Division to-day, Rochdale playing at home to Rotherham, won by two goals to one.

PUBLIC ROUP.

GOOD BIDDING FOR HALL, STABLES.

"MASONIC HALL" SOLD FOR $310.

No fewer than 65 ponies were put up for auction yesterday at the Public Roup held at the Jockey Club stables, Causeway Bay, where a large number of stable-owners and race-goers were present. The bidding was risk, particularly for ponies belonging to Mr. Ho Kom Tong's stables. The highest price paid was $310 for Masonic Hall. The second best bid was $210 for Manor Hall.

Warrington, the winner of the United Services Cup, was offered $440 but was not sold. Mr. S. P. Cheng, secretary of the Macao Race Club, was the best purchaser; he bought no fewer than seven ponies.

Another gentleman likely to have a stable at the next annual meeting is Mr. M. A. Rafeek, the holder of the winning ticket in the South China Athletic Association's Cash Sweep at the last meeting. He bought The Grouse for $125, King Sol for $100 and Tars Tarkas for $50.

The following were the ponies auctioned:

Kan, grey, 13.1, purchased by Mr. H. H. Priestly	$50
Sugarloaf, grey, 13.1, Mr. L. Reidy	10
Bootlegger, grey, 12.3 (late Dick Lo), Mr. R. H. Charles	25
Arabian Parrot, grey, 13.1, Mr. Cheung Sam Chuen	25
Chestnut Griffin, 13.1, Lieut. Dangerfield	75
Dumfries, grey (withdrawn).	
Berwick, chestnut, 13.1, Chee Ling	35
Warrington, roan, 13.2 (withdrawn).	
Macao Beauty, black (withdrawn).	
Tarzan, iron-grey, 13 (withdrawn).	
Castle, grey, 13, bought in for	190
Loongwa, grey, 13, Mr. Chung Sam Chuen	35
Galopin, grey, 13, Mr. R. H. Charles	40
Chick To, grey, 12.3, Mr. Kee Sang	25
Waichow, grey, 12.3, Mr. Charles	60
Arterxerxes, Mr. H. K. Uong	10
Grey pony, 13, Lieut. Dangerfield	45
Greenslip, bay, 13.1, Chang Kwai Dhuen	60
The Grouse, grey, 13.1, Mr. Rafeek	125
Tars Tarkas, grey, 13.1, Mr. Rafeek	50
Yuen Sin, Mr. Chan Yik Pan	30
Chui Chow Ning, iron-grey, 13, Mr. Chan Yik Pan	25
Tap Siac, dark, 13.1, Mr. S. P. Cheng	35
Flash Star, 13.2, Mr. H. K. Uong	15
Bay pony, Mr. Chan Kwai Chuen	25
White pony, Mr. S. P. Cheng	20
Duke of Artagnan, 13.2 (late Sunbeam Dahlia), Mr. A. W. Juster	75
Multnomah II., Mr. S. P. Cheng	35
Red Leaves, 13.3, Mr. L. Reidy	30
Opium Dick, grey, 13.1, Mr. Chan Sam Chuen	35
Barley Grass, 13, Lieut. H. A. Kelly	60
King Sol, chestnut, 13.1, Mr. Rafeek	100
King of England, chestnut (withdrawn).	
King Constantine, spotted, 13, Mr. E. C. Rock	40
Lye Green, white, 13.2, Lieut. Dangerfield	40
Geronimo, black, 13, Mr. Chan Sam Chuen	30
Bay of Greenland, grey, 13.1, Mr. Wan Kee	25
Piper, Lieut. W. G. Mattingly	40
Pepper, 13.2, Mr. Halich	30
Pitchfork, black, 13.1, Mr. S. P. Cheng	30
Circe, Mr. S. P. Cheng	40
Soho, grey, 13.1, Mr. Poult	65
Busaco, roan, 13.1, Mr. S. P. Cheng	20
Madeira, chestnut, 13.1, Mr. Leung Doo	50
Berechurch Hall, Mr. T. O. Bulteel	55
May Hall, Mr. S. P. Cheng	40
Manor Hall, chestnut, 13.2, Mr. A. C. Botelho	210
Famd Hall, brown, 13, Mr. Alves	190
Artistic Hall, grey, 13.2, Mr. S. P. Cheng	45
Masonic Hall, Mr. H. H. Priestly	310
Liberty Hall, chestnut, 13.2, Lieut. H. A. Kelly	100
Limestone Hall, Mr. Leung Doo	85
Castle Hall (withdrawn).	
Sooter, bay, 13, Lieut. Dangerfield	70
Mish Mish, roan, 13.1, Mr. S. P. Cheng	150
Loch Tay, white, 13, Mr. Leung Doo	85
Loch Lomond II., grey, 13.1, Mr. E. C. Hock	85

(*Continued on next Column.*)

Dundee, dark, 13.1, Mr. L. Reidy	65
Easing Wold, bay, 13.1, Lieut. Graham	40
Bar Boy, 13, Mr. H. K. Uong	15
Shan Min, Mr. Chan Kwai Chuen	40
Fire Call, Mr. Ping Yau	120
Cat Call, Mr. H. C. Lee	65
Zed, Mr. L. Reidy	50

FANLING HUNT.

MARCH PROGRAMME.

Saturday, 3rd:—
Steeplechase Race Meeting, Kwanti.

Sunday, 4th:—
Meet at Stables at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, 7th:—
Meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow at 2.45 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th:—
Meets to be announced on Notice Board at Hunters' Arms.

Wednesday, 14th:—
Meet at Sheung Shui at 2.45 p.m.

Saturday, 17th:—
Drag. Meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow, at 2.45 p.m.

Sunday, 18th:—
Paper Chase. Lok Ma Chau, Cross Roads, at 11.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 21st:—
Meet at Mr. Souza's Bungalow at 2.45 p.m.

Saturday:—
Meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow at 2.45 p.m.

Sunday, 25th:—
Point-to-point. Mr. Potts' Bungalow at 11.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 28th:—
Meet at Stables at 2.45 p.m.

Saturday, 31st:—
Steeplechase race meeting (Fanling Grand National and Fox-hunters' Challenge Cup) Kwanti.

GREYHOUND RACING ON THE STAGE.

PARIS EVADES AN OFFICIAL PROHIBITION.

PARIS, Feb. 1st.

Greyhound racing, forbidden in the public stadiums of France, will nevertheless be presented shortly on the Paris music-hall stage.

A greyhound meeting had been announced for February 4th in aid of various charitable objects, but the Prefect of the Seine has forbidden its taking place, declaring that any authorisation of such events must await the passage by the Senate of a Bill permitting the pari-mutuel on greyhound courses.

The management of the Folies-Bergère, however, have stepped into the breach, and one of the scenes in their new revue will represent a racecourse in which both borzois and greyhounds will take part. The greyhounds have been provided by the Greyhound Club de France, while racing experts have seen to the necessary details. The dogs will race on moving platforms, while the crowd, the starters, the electric hare, and other features will be reproduced as faithfully as possible.

£6,000,000 SURPRISE FOR A WIDOW.

VAST FORTUNE FROM 'WORTHLESS' SHARES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28th.

Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, whose husband died in London last year, has become a multi-millionairess, owing to the appreciation of a large block of stock in the Universal Oil Products Company which her husband transferred to her several years ago.

It was pronounced worthless, and was rejected by the Chicago bankers who reorganised Mr. Armour's confused financial affairs after his death.

The company had paid nothing for some time, but then it suddenly began to show an increasing profit, which for 1927 amounts to £600,000.

Mrs. Armour's holding is estimated to be worth £6,000,000.

Mr. J. Ogden Armour, head of the famous meat-packing firm, was reputed to be worth £25,000,000 in 1916, but he suffered exceedingly heavy losses in the financial chaos which followed the war.

He died in London last August, and for some time it was doubtful if the estate would be found solvent. In the end it was discovered that it amounted to £200,000.

TOURISTS' "BAD TASTE."

MOCK GRIEF PHOTOGRAPH ON GORDON'S STATUE.

An extraordinary incident occurred in Trafalgar-square shortly after mid-day on January 26th. The Gordon Boys' Home, of Woking, and other institutions, to commemorate the 43rd anniversary of Gordon's death at Khartoum, had decorated the base of his statue with wreaths.

Within a few minutes of the conclusion of the simple ceremony three tourists, who spoke in Transatlantic accents, had climbed on to the statue, in order that they might be photographed among the tributes. Their taste, though peculiar might have escaped criticism had it not been for the extravagance with which they sought to gratify it. As it was, an unpleasant "scene" was only narrowly averted.

The tourists, two men and a woman, not content to send to their "home town" an unjustified indication of the part they had played in a historic ceremony, must further draw into the orbit of their egotism the crowd of spell-bound spectators, which had rapidly gathered, to view an exhibition that must surely have been without parallel.

The tourists posed, first of all, in attitudes of mock grief. Then they threw their arms around each other's necks and indulged in what seemed to be some kind of music-hall "turn." Finally, they remembered the stuffed dog that they were carrying, and he, of course, must also have his photograph taken among the wreaths.

This spirited performance was finally terminated by a policeman, who perceived that the big crowd, which had assembled in a spirit of amused and half-incredulous curiosity, was becoming restive.

The photographer, who had taken an unwilling part in these strange proceedings, explained that the tourists had professed an extraordinary devotion to the memory of Gordon, and had asked to be permitted this unique expression of their reverence.

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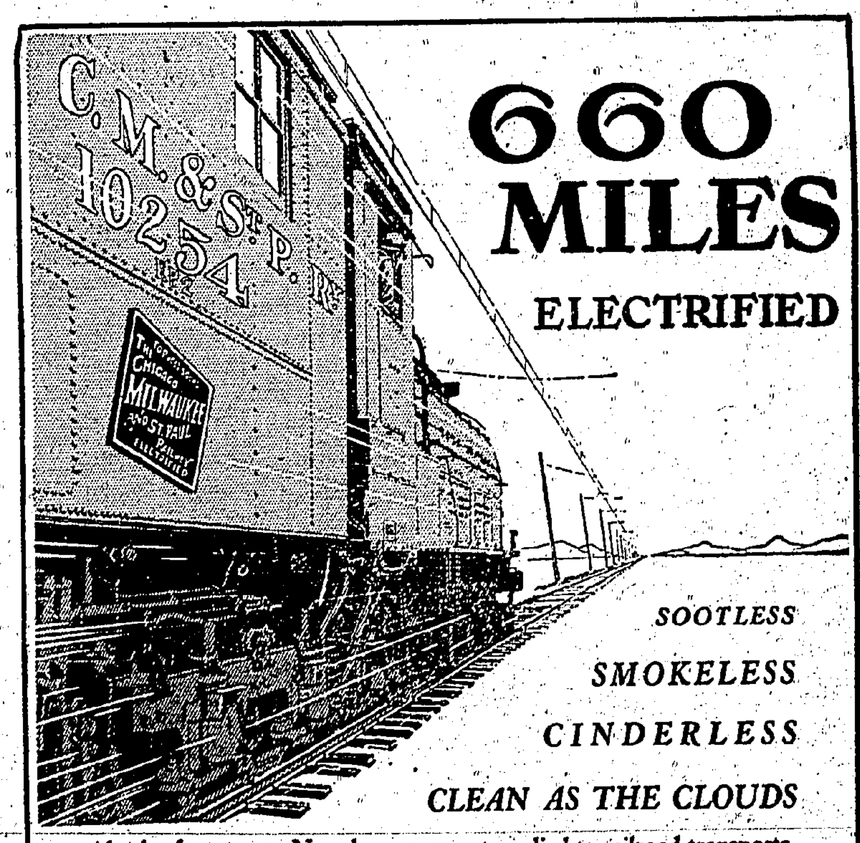

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GREYHOUND RACING FOR SINGAPORE.

AUSTRALIAN SYNDICATE'S PLANS.

RACING TRACK FOR 30,000 PEOPLE.

A scheme is now under way to start a greyhound racing track in Singapore. The promoters are an Australian syndicate, and they will shortly float a local company to be known as the Singapore Greyhound Racing Association.

The capital to be asked for will be in the neighbourhood of $1,000,000, and the proposal is to build a racing track with seating accommodation for between 30,000 and 40,000 people on a site of fifteen acres in Kampong Bahru Road.

If the scheme is successful 200 racing greyhounds will be brought up from Australia and sold to private owners. The syndicate have received legal advice to the effect that so long as the Association is run on the lines of a private club, with the use of the totalisator limited to members, the scheme is a legal one. The local representative of the syndicate is Mr. H. Koekkoek, of the Eastern Import and Export Company, Melbourne.

Mr. Koekkoek gave some particulars of the scheme to a *Straits Times* representative at the Raffles Hotel. "I came up from Australia recently, representing a syndicate, with a view to forming a greyhound racing association in this city," he said. "The other members of the syndicate besides myself are two well-known residents of Melbourne, Mr. Hugh Huxham and Capt. E. F. Chamberlen.

Suitable Site In View.

"We have succeeded on obtaining an option on what I consider to be the most suitable site in Singapore for a dog-racing track. It consists of fifteen acres on Kampong Bahru Road, about three-quarters of a mile from the Southern Hotel. The whole scheme will be carried out on really first-class lines, and everything will be done to study the comfort of the public. The enterprise will be run purely on the lines of a private sporting club, similar to the Turf Club in Singapore. That is to say, only members of the Club will be allowed to use the totalisator. We shall have our own veterinary surgeon, not only to see that the dogs are fit for racing but to look after them at all times.

Australian Dogs More Suitable Than British.

"The Club would obviously not race the dogs themselves, but at first it may be difficult for local sportsmen to obtain greyhounds, and we have therefore made tentative arrangements to purchase two hundred. We do not anticipate any difficulty in getting the dogs in Australia. People are now breeding them down there, and there is no shortage. It is considered that dogs bred in Australia are much more likely to stand the Singapore climate successfully than those imported from England, and I know of no reason why racing greyhounds should not thrive in this climate.

"Tentative arrangements have been made to obtain the apparatus for the electric hare and an electric totalisator.

The Government Attitude.

Questioned as to the official attitude towards the enterprise, Mr. Koekkoek said he understood that the reason why the Government had opposed several previous schemes to start greyhound racing in Singapore was that the promoters proposed to have an open totalisator. His syndicate had taken the best legal advice obtainable, and they were quite satisfied that so long as the association was run strictly on the lines of a club they would not be doing anything illegal.

Mr. Koekkoek added that greyhound racing had been an immediate success wherever it had been introduced, and he thought it would possess an equally strong drawing power for the Singapore public. It was a most exciting sport, and thoroughly clean, and the keenness and intelligence shown by the dogs was remarkable.

Mr. Koekkoek also said that he had been making inquiries as to the possibility of similar schemes in Java.—*Straits Times.*

PARIS TO RING UP NEW YORK.

THE PRICE OF A CALL.

PARIS, Feb. 1st.

The French postal authorities declare that in three months at the latest, probably in a month, telephonic communication will be possible between New York and any French town. The price of a call will be 1,990 francs (nearly £16) for three minutes for any part of France. Of this sum, however, the French postal authorities only receive 75 francs (about 12s. 6d.), the remainder being divided between the English and American offices, thanks to whose collaboration the service has been inaugurated.

THE "DUCHESS OF ATHOLL."

DETAILS OF NEW CANADIAN PACIFIC LINER.

LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATION.

The new s.s. *Duchess of Atholl* which was very appropriately launched on November 23rd by Her Grace the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., and the sister ship the *Duchess of Bedford*, which is due for launching this month, will be the largest and most up-to-date cabin liners on the North Atlantic ocean route between Montreal and Liverpool, when they begin their regular service in the coming summer.

Dimensions of the two new ships are as follows:—Length, 599 feet; breadth (moulded), 75 feet; depth (to bridge deck), 53 feet; load draft, 27 feet; gross tonnage, 20,000.

They have straight stems raking forward and cruiser sterns, two funnels and two pole masts and will be rigged as fore-and-aft schooners. They will have four complete decks, viz.: main, upper, shelter and bridge decks, besides lower and orlop decks carried to the end of the ship clear of machinery spaces, and boat and promenade decks, each extending about three-fourths of the vessel's length amidships.

All the mechanical equipment, etc., will be of the very latest kind and no device omitted that can make for safety, comfort and good service.

Cargo spaces and appliances will be very complete and include refrigerated accommodation for perishable goods and also accommodation for grain in bulk.

There will be accommodation for about 600 cabin class passengers, about 500 tourist third cabin and about 500 third class.

The Cabins.

Cabin passengers will have their staterooms on the boat, bridge, shelter and upper decks, capable of accommodating two, three or four persons, the majority of the rooms being fitted with bedsteads and some having folding upper berths over the bedstead, so that when not in use th berth can be put up out of the way, as in a sleeping car. All the cabin staterooms will have open porcelain wash-basins fitted with hot and cold running water, good wardrobes, full length mirrors on wardrobe doors and stateroom walls, chests of drawers, berth lights to each bedstead, berth and sofa berth and otherwise fitted in the most modern style. Private baths and toilets are arranged for certain of the staterooms on boat, bridge, shelter and upper decks and certain groups can be arranged as suites consisting of sitting-room, bedroom, bath and toilet, when and as required.

Cabin class have a large lounge, card-room and writing room, observation room and drawing room and smoking room on the promenade deck, as well as a long gallery. They also have a gymnasium and children's room on the boat deck and a spacious dining saloon on the upper deck amidships seating 300 people. The main entrance hall also is situated amidships and a large stairway leads from the upper deck level to a large deck-house on the boat deck; also an electric passenger elevator extends for the same height. Ample promenade space is provided.

"Tourist Third" Accommodation.

Tourist Third Cabin passengers' staterooms are at the aft end of the ship on the shelter, upper and main decks, capable of accommodating two to four persons. These rooms are all large and have upper and lower berths, wardrobes and wash basins and a number of them are fitted with hot and cold running water. Tourist cabin passengers will have a large lounge, a spacious entrance hall, a children's room and a large dining saloon, which will accommodate 252 people at one sitting.

Third class passengers are accommodated at the forward end of the upper, main and lower decks, the rooms capable of taking two or four persons, with a few for six persons to specially accommodate families. They have a large lounge at the fore end of the bridge deck, a smoking room on the shelter deck and a fine dining saloon on main deck amidships, which seats 250 persons.

Ample promenade space, both open and covered is provided for all classes.

Other Ships Of The Class.

Two other ships of similar class to the *Duchess of Atholl* and *Duchess of Bedford* are under construction also, to be ready for the summer season of 1929 and will be named *Duchess of Cornwall* and *Duchess of Richmond*. The sea-speed of the two first named is to be 17½ knots per hour and of the two latter 18½ knots.

THE NEW LLOYD'S.

THE KING TO OPEN £1,500,000 PALACE.

The King, accompanied by the Queen, will open Lloyd's palatial new building in Leadenhall-street, E.C., on March 24th.

The new building, which is to become the centre of marine insurance, is to the design of Sir Edwin Cooper, in the style of the English Renaissance.

The foundation stone was laid by the King, and the building has taken nearly three years in construction, at a cost of about £1,500,000. Every modern mechanical device is embodied in it, and it is to be finished in the most sumptuous style.

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DEATH FOR A FASHION.

VIENNA, Jan. 23th.

Frau Alice Fritz, a noted Viennese beauty, has died here after undergoing a hunger cure to acquire the modern figure.

She abandoned all forms of sugar some months ago, and took regular doses of "de-fatting" tablets. Doctors attribute her death to "fashion starvation."

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, February 29th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.93	29.89	29.88
Temperature	65	63	68
Humidity	93	100	100
Wind—			
Direction	E	E	Calm
Force	3	4	0
Weather	O	OMD	OFD
Rain	0.80	0.00	0.68

Highest open-air Temperature, 28th: 65
Lowest open-air Temperature, 29th: 63

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 1st to 7th, 1928.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	1	m 7 31	4 1	m 0 16	1 8
		5 14 a	6 5	m 9 38	4 0
Fri.	2	m 8 47	4 2	m 1 24	1 4
		6 29 a	6 8	m11 29	4 0
Sat.	3	m 9 16	4 4	m 2 13	1 1
		7 31 a	7 0	0 33 a	3 9
Sun.	4	m 9 41	4 5	m 2 41	0 9
		8 23 a	7 2	1 29 a	2 6
Mon.	5	m10 4	4 6	m 3 14	0 9
		9 9 a	7 2	2 18 a	3 2
Tues.	6	m10 26	4 7	m 3 46	1 0
		0 51 a	7 1	3 a	2 8
Wed.	7	m10 46	4 9	m 4 17	1 2
		10 27 a	6 8	3 46 a	2 6

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD. COPENHAGEN.

THE Motorship "AUSTRALIEN" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of The Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where Delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Due to engine trouble General Average is declared and in accordance with the terms of the Bills of Lading Cargo will only be delivered against General Average Bonds duly signed by Consignees.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th March, 1928, 4 p.m., will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 3rd March, 1928, at 10 a.m.

All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 9th March, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

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Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1928. [5938

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 16th March, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st March, 1928, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

~~No Fire Insurance has been effected.~~

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928. [5920

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "CHINESE PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 24th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, 1st March, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within Fifteen days of the Vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 2nd March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

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Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928. [5918

CHINA NAVIGATION
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Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"KIUNGCHOW"	On	1st	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Swatow & Shanghai ...	"TEAN" ...	On	1st	Mar.,	10 a.m.
Shanghai ...	"HANYANG" ...	On	2nd	Mar.,	4 p.m.
Shanghai & Tsingtao ...	"SUNNING" ...	On	3rd	Mar.,	4 p.m.
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"ANTUNG" ...	On	4th	Mar.,	9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KWANGCHOW"	On	4th	Mar.,	Noon
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	"NANNING" ...	On	4th	Mar.,	Noon.
Swatow, & Shanghai ...	"KANGHOW" ...	On	4th	Mar.,	2 p.m.
Shanghai & Dalny ...	"YINGCHOW" ...	On	5th	Mar.,	Noon
Amoy, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SOOCHOW" ...	On	5th	Mar.,	6 p.m.
Shanghai ...	"YUNNAN" ...	On	7th	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Swatow & Shanghai ...	"CHENAN" ...	On	8th	Mar.,	8 a.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin ...	"HUICHOW" ...	On	8th	Mar.,	4 p.m.
Shanghai & Tsingtao ...	"SHANTUNG" ...	On	10th	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Amoy, Swatow, Singapore & Bangkok ...	"KWEIYANG" ...	On	11th	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KIANGSU" ...	On	11th	Mar.,	Noon
Swatow, Shanghai & Dalny	"LIANGCHOW"	On	11th	Mar.,	Noon
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"ANHUI" ...	On	18th	Mar.,	7 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok ...	"KAYING" ...	On	18th	Mar.,	Noon.

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Shipping News
Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

February 28th.

Song Bo, French str., 790 tons, Capt. J. Bounamour, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—M.M.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 165 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Autau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

February 29th.

Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. J. H. van den Berg, from Honhow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Haiching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. W. G. Edwin, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with 700 tons of general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 125 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf. Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kaijo Maru, Japanese str., 1,126 ton, Capt. Y. Okura, from Keelung, *via* Amoy and Swatow, with 750 tons of coal and general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kawachi Maru, Japanese str., 3,566 tons, Capt. T. Osada, from Moji, which port she left on February 24th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. —N.Y.K.

Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kwai chow, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. D. Milne, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Maud, Norwegian str., 1,351 tons, Capt. H. Stringer, from Keelung, which port she left on February 26th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C53.—Hidaka Co.

Nagviken, Norwegian str., 1,779 tons, Capt. Jensen, from Singaport, which port she left on February 21st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B47.—Foo Nam S.S. Co.

Soochow, British str., 1,504 tons, Capt. G. A. Evans, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Tailee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Masaki, from Bangkok, which port she left on Feb. 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—Ching Kee.

Taisei Maru, Japanese str., 1,864 tons, Capt. M. Masuda, from Keelung, which port she left on February 26th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B50.—M.B.K.

Takliwa, British str., 3,742 tons, Capt. W. E. Grant, from Calcutta and Singapore. The latter port she left on February 23rd, with general cargo and iron, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tanda, British str., 4,236 tons. Capt. E. Pilcher, from Moji, which port she left on February 25th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Van Heutsz, Dutch motor ship, 2,743 tons, Capt. J. Groothoff, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A30.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

February 29th.

Australien, for Shanghai.
Edmore, for Manila.
Kawachi Maru, for Singapore.
Kiungchow, for Amoy.
Koyo Maru, for Keelung.
Kwai Sang, for Swatow.
Limchow, for Pakhoi.
Maud, for Canton.
Menado Maru, for Swatow.
Nagano Maru, for Moji.
Soochow, for Canton.
Taisei Maru, for Whampoa.
Tak Hing, for Macao and Autau.
Takliwa, for Amoy.
Tean, for Swatow.
Van Heutsz, for Singapore.
Wingwo, for Kwong Chow Wan.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—
North Wall Basin, *Iroquois, Tarantula, Sindar;* South Wall Basin, *Cicala, Tern, Gannet, Peterel;* East Wall Basin, *L.4, L.5, L.27, Faulknor, Onslaught;* North Arm, *Ambrose,* S/Ms.; West Wall Dock, *Petersfield, Carlisle, Foxglove;* In Dock, *St. Brevck, Moorlake, L.7, L.8,* Taikoo Dock, *Argus;* No. 3 Buoy, *Herald;* No. 7 Buoy, *Titania,* S/Ms.; No. 8 Buoy, *Hollyhock;* No. 13 Buoy, *Bruce;* No. 18 Buoy, *Ruthenia, Kharki;* No. 19 Buoy, *Serapis;* No. 20 Buoy, *Seraph, Stormcloud;* No. 22 Buoy, *Thracian;* No. 23 Buoy, *Sterling, Somme;* Kowloon Anchorage, *Fortol, Belgol, Francol.*
Foreign Man of War:—U.S.S. *Asheville, Pampanga;* Portuguese, *Pero De Alenquer;* Italian, *Sebastiano Cubotu;* French, *Vigilante.*

VESSELS IN PORT.

The following were the vessels in port yesterday:—
British: *Telemachus, Yuen Sang, Cassia, Han Yang, Haining, Tinhow, Kanchow, Gorgan, Shansi, Talamba, Kiungchow, Kalgan, Kiukiang, Hin Sang, Natica, Teucer, Halvard, Sunning, Huichow, Cape St. Agnes, Gorgistan, Sumatra, Taikoo, Linan.*
American: *Edmore.*
Norwegian: *Prosper, Escondido, Tennessee, Eiger, Kronviken.*
Panama: *Pawnee.*
Danish: *Australien.*
French: *Song Bo.*
Japanese: *Kawachi Maru, Taikwa Maru, Nagano Maru, Taiyetsu Maru, Menado Maru, Taito Maru, Kaijo Maru, Nisshin Maru No. 2, Ryusei Maru, Asama Maru, Taiyo Maru, Lushan Maru.*
Chinese: *Soon Ann, Hsin Foo Sing, Wong Shek Kung, Wing Wo, Heng Cheong, Mao Lee, Taiszema, Lee On, Hoi Cheong, Haimun, Ban Foo Soon, Poo Tye, Lee Cheong, Gen. H. Knox, Man Sun, Tai Fook Sing.*
Dutch: *Tjipanas, Hankow, Jan, Otto, Hong Kong.*
Portuguese: *Kong On, King On.*

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	*Sunset.*
To-day .....6.45 a.m.		6.27 p.m.
To-morrow ...6.44 ,,		6.27 ,,
Saturday ..... 6.43 ,,		6.28 ,,

EPIC STORY OF SHIP'S ORDEAL.

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Three men were injured. All the officers and crew were tired out to the point of exhaustion, and the ship, a six-masted barquentine, lost three of her masts in storms that seemed never-ending.

"Foul Conditions."

E. R. Sterling—captain and owner Captain E. R. Sterling—left Adelaide, Australia, loaded with grain, on April 16th, 1927, in fair weather.

"We rounded the Horn in magnificent weather, making good speed, with all sails set," said a member of the crew to a *Daily Express* representative. "Near the Falkland Islands we slid into foul conditions. It was bitterly cold, the wind rose, and we woke to find ourselves in an ice-field. We scraped by a berg that was reckoned in the log as a mile long, and a hundred feet high.

"The ship was rolling terribly in high seas. She heeled over once, and the mainmast came down. Spars and canvas were mixed up. The cook was imprisoned in his galley, where he had a narrow escape when the falling mainmast struck it. An hour later the mizzenmast went.

"Hell seemed let loose on us early one morning after weeks of hardship. It was September 4th, about three a.m. We were at the mercy of the weather for four hours, and expected every stick to be blown out of her.

"Sails were cracking like great whips. Foresail and top sail were blown to ribbons. The crew took sail off her, heaven knows how. The wind whipped the foretop off her. The great steel foremast went at last. The yards, and the rest went later.

Mate's Cry.

"The first mate, Roderick Mackenzie, was seen standing with a belaying pin. The next minute we heard him cry out and saw him fall. It is believed he was struck by a batten of timber. He was carried aft, but he died within an hour.

"The main hatch was stove in. Charlie Larsen, an A.B., seeing the danger, sat over the hole wrapped about with sail torn from the wreckage keeping the water out. The spanker topmast crashed. The wireless aerial was blown away. One of the lifeboats was broken up. All the time tremendous seas were pouring over the bulwarks.

"We drifted for two days. Then, at last, they rigged some sail on her, and slowly we crept to St. Thomas', in the West Indies, after 183 days of terror."

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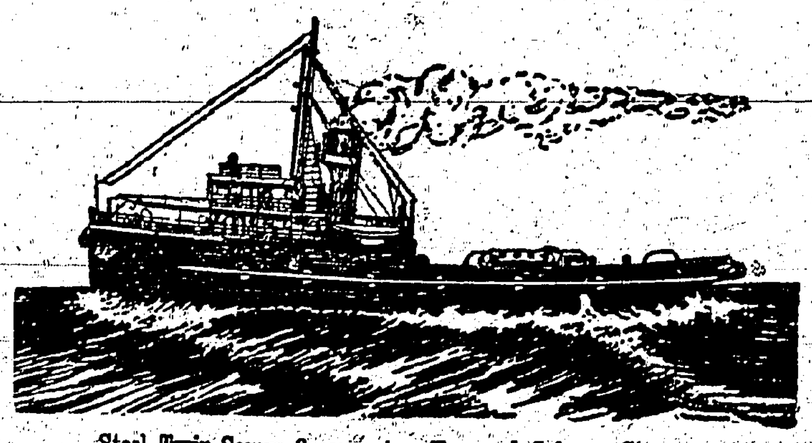

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	"WAISHING"	Wed., 7th Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"HANGSANG"	Sun., 11th Mar., at 7 a.m.
	"YATSHING"	Wed., 14th Mar., at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY, MOJI & OSAKA ...	"NAMSANG"	Wed., 14th Mar., at 7 a.m.
CANTON ...	"HOPSANG"	Thurs., 1st Mar., at 6 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA...	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 9th Mar., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"MAUSANG"	Sun., 11th Mar., at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN ...	"YUSANG"	Satur., 3rd Mar., at 5 p.m.

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Pass.	M.V. "FULDA"	...	...	departure	7th April

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Pass.	M.V. "FULDA"	...	...	due here	12th March
Freight	S.S. "Ansgir"	...	...	due here	28th March
Pass.	S.S. "TRIER"	...	...	due here	9th April

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	Further Sailings	Loading for Shanghai and Japan Ports on	Loading for Continental Ports on
M.S. "Australien"	...	—	25th March
M.S. "Asia"	...	2nd March	5th April
M.S. "Afrika"	...	28th March	30th April
M.S. "Malaya"	...	27th April	31st May
M.S. "Danmark"	...	25th May	30th June

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS LOW.

ONLY ONE BRITISH ARRIVAL.

There were only eight vessels arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday and the freights for this port were very low. Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony, however, was fair. There were only four vessels with cargoes for ports beyond the Colony.

The total amount of general merchandise for Hong Kong amounted to 3,121 tons, of which one British vessel contributed 2,000 tons. The same British vessel, the s.s. *Telemachus* topped the list with 2,000 tons of rice from Saigon, while the *Tjipinnas* (Dutch) arriving from Sourabaya and Manila discharged 1,244 tons.

Through freights carried by only four steamers totalled 12,980 tons, but no British vessel carried cargo for ports beyond the Colony. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Australien* (Danish) and the s.s. *Kuruchi Maru* (Japanese). The former arriving from Copenhagen and Aden carried 8,033 tons, and the latter from Yokohama and Moji had 2,343 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	1	5
French	2	3
Dutch	1	1
Danish	1	0
Japanese	1	1
Chinese	2	4
American	0	2
Total	8	16

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Jefferson, March 4th.
President McKinley, March 5th.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Taiping, Mar. 9th.
Changte, April 6th.

Bank Line.
City of Adelaide, to-day.
City of Durham, March 16th.
City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.
City of Bombay, April 10th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Carlisle, April 14th.
City of Roubaix, April 14th.
City of Burmingham, May 4th.
City of Singapore, May 12th.
City of Chester, May 25th.
City of Tokio, June 9th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
City of Pekin, July 7th.

Ben Line.
Bengloe, March 5th.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Tilawa, March 4th.
Shirala, March 7th.
Talma, March 18th.
Santhia, March 19th.
Takeda, March 26th.
Talamba, April 9th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Russia, March 5th.
Empress of Asia, March 15th.

Dodwell & Co.
Romulo, to-day.
Tugela, March 9th.
Bolton Castle, March 25th.
Venezia, March 29th.
Toledo, April 19th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Achilles, to-day.
Polyphemus, to-morrow.
Calchas, March 6th.
Sarpedon, March 7th.
Teiresias, Mar. 18th.
Tyndareus, Mar. 18th.
Rhesus, March 20th.
Menelaus, March 25th.
Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.
Automedon, April 1st.
Patroclus, April 5th.
Protesilaus, April 11th.
Phemius, April 11th.
Agapenor, April 15th.
Knight Companion, April 21st.
Orestes, April 22nd.
Laomedon, April 24th.
Diomed, April 26th.
Talthybius, May 1st.
Machaon, May 2nd.
Antenor, May 3rd.
Nestiones, May 9th.
Ajax tus, May 16th.
Helenus, May 22nd.
Teucer, May 22nd.
Perseus, May 25th.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.
Hector, May 31st.
Atreus, June 27th.
Aeneas, July 2nd.
Lycaon, July 25th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Asia, to-morrow.
Afrika, Mar. 26th.
Malaya, April 27th.
Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, Mar. 5th.
Arafura, April 2nd.

Glen Line.
Glenluce, to-morrow.
Carmarthenshire, March 7th.
Glengarry, March 20th.
Glentara, April 6th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.
Emil Kirdorf, to-day.
Havelland, March 4th.
Havenstein, March 7th.
Scheer, Mar. 12th.
Carl Legien, March 30th.
Adolf von Baeyer, April 3rd.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.
Tjisaroca, to-day.
Tjikarang, March 5th.
Tjimanoek, March 12th.
Tjiliwong, March 12th.
Tjibodas, March 15th.
Tjisondari, March 15th.

Messageries Maritimes.
Porthos, to-day.
Paul Lecat, Mar. 13th.
B.P. Benoit, Mar. 24th.
Andre Lebon, Mar. 27th.
Chenonceaux, April 10th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Muroran Maru, to-morrow.
Siberia, March 4th.
Suwa Maru, March 4th.
Taketoyo Maru, March 8th.
Atsuta Maru, March 9th.
Lyons Maru, Mar. 9th.
Sado Maru, March 10th.
Bokuyo Maru, April 5th.
Hakata Maru, April 9th.
Kanagawa Maru, May 9th.
Wakasa Maru, June 8th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Mongolia, to-day.
Macedonia, to-morrow.
Nagpore, Mar. 11th.
Mantua, March 15th.
Lahore, March 18th.
Morea, Mar. 29th.
Jeypore, April 9th.
Kashgar, April 12th.
Malwa, April 26th.
Novara, May 7th.
Delta, May 10th.
Ranpura, May 24th.
Nankin, June 4th.
Khyber, June 7th.
Rawalpindi, June 21st.
Kashmir, July 5th.
Rajputana, July 19th.
Kalyan, August 2nd.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

S.S. "ON LEE" ANCHORS SIX TIMES.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The s.s. *On Lee* failed to arrive on time Tuesday night and it was feared that the vessel had been stranded. However the ship arrived yesterday morning at 11.30 and the master reported that the delay was due to the heavy fog and bad weather; he also stated that during the passage from Kongmoon to Wangmoon, the vessel had been compelled no less than six times to drop anchor and await clear weather.

Mail Delayed.

Owing to the bad weather and fog, the s.s. *Norviken* carrying the paper mail from London, dated the 26th January, was delayed during her voyage here. The vessel, however, arrived yesterday forenoon.

"San Nam Hoi" Refloated.

The *San Nam Hoi* which went aground in the West River had been refloated and arrived here yesterday morning. She was not damaged in anyway, but she will probably be surveyed.

"Yuet On" Docked.

The steamship *Yuet On* went into Taikoo Dock at 6 a.m. yesterday for general overhaul.

"Huichow" Undocked.

The s.s. *Huichow* which had been in Taikoo Dock for the last few days, left the yard yesterday morning at 10 a.m.

A Lost Torpedo.

In a notification to the Harbour Office yesterday, a reward of $50 is offered by the Naval Authorities for the recovery of a lost torpedo (a 2" mark IV star S.R., torpedo) which was lost from one of the H.M. Ships on Saturday, February 25th in a position approximately Lat. 22° 17" N. and Long. 114° 40" E.

Indistinct Fog-horn.

The master of the s.s. *Tjipanas* (Dutch) arriving here from Sourabaya and Manila reports that the fog-horn of Waglan was very indistinct to the leeward, so much so that it could not be heard at a distance of 2 miles, while to the landward the fog-horn was very clear.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday totalled 139. These were carried by four vessels.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia* left Shanghai for Hong Kong on Tuesday at 3 p.m. with the mails, and is due here on Friday about 6 a.m.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Oder, to-morrow.
Fulda, March 12th.
Ansgir, March 23th.
Trier, April 9th.

Prince Line.
Malayan Prince, Mar. 18th.
Asiatic Prince, April 13th.

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*"ALIPORE"	5,273	7th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
‡"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
"KARMALA"	9,123	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
*"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	27th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
‡"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
*"NAGPORE"	5,283	21st April	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
*"JEYPORE"	5,318	19th May	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th June	Marseilles London and Antwerp.
"NOVARA"	6,989	16th June	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NANKIN"	7,058	14th July	Marseilles and London.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	15th Sept.	Marseilles and London.

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"SHIRALA"	7,841	30th Mar.	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Mar.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th May	

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"SHIRALA"	7,841	9th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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"MANTUA"	10,946	16th Mar.	Shanghai
*"LAHORE"	5,252	19th Mar.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"TAKADA"	6,949	28th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokhama.
"MOREA"	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*"JEYPORE"	5,318	10th April	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	11th April	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	13th April	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	21st April	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	*Yunnan*	1st Mar.
Shanghai & Amoy	*Manning*	1st Mar.
Saigon	*Porthos*	1st Mar.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 2nd Feb., & parcels, 26th Jan.)	*Mongolia*	1st Mar.
Shanghai	*Yingchow*	1st Mar.
Shanghai	*Macedonia* ...	2nd Mar.
Straits	*Suwa Maru*	4th Mar.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. Jefferson* ...	4th Mar.
Manila	*Emp. of Russia* ...	5th Mar.
Manila	*Pres. McKinley* ...	5th Mar.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Empress of Asia* ...	16th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Thursday, 1st.
Straits	*Van Heutsz* ...	10.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia	*Porthos*	1.30 P M
Straits	*Tai Hoo*	1.30 P M
Swatow	*Hydrangea* ..	2.30 P M
		Friday, 2nd.
Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	*Mongolia* ...	8.30 A M
Fort Bayard, Hoihow & Haiphong ...	*Song Bo* ...	8.30 A M
*Straits & South Africa	*Panama Maru* ..	10.30 A M
Java via Batavia	*Tilleboot*	10.30 A M
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 17th March ...	*Tanda*	Parcels Noon Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Chino* ...	2.00 P M
Shanghai	*Hanyang*	2.30 P M
		Kowloon P.O. Parcels 4.30 P M Reg., 3rd, 9.00 A M Letters 10.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th Mar.	*Macedonia* ...	*G.P.O.* Par., 2nd, 5.00 P M Reg. 3rd, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
		Saturday, 3rd.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia... .	*Sunning*	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Antung* ...	5.00 P M
		Sunday, 4th.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Kaijo Maru* ...	9.00 A M
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Nanning* ...	9.00 A M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kwangchow* ...	9.00 A M
		Monday, 5th;
Shanghai & Japan	*Suwa Maru* ...	10.30 A M
Manila	*Pres. Jefferson* ...	4.30 P M
		Tuesday, 6th.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th April ...	*Glaucus* ...	*Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 1.00 P M Letters 1.00 P M *G.P.O.* Reg. 1.45 P M Letters 2.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong*	2.00 P M
Shanghai, *Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *O. & *S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 26th Mar., & Europe via Siberia ...	*Pres. McKinley*	Parcels 3.00 P M Reg. 4.15 P M Letters 5.00 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 25th March, & Europe via Siberia ...	*Emp. of Russia*	Parcels 5.00 P M Wednesday, 7th. Parcels 9.15 A M Letters 10.00 A M
		Friday, 16th;
Manila	*Empress of Asia* ...	8.30 P M

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £8,000,000
Silver ..... —.. $14,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Court of Directors:
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Chief Manager:
Hon. Mr. A. C. HYNES.

BRANCHES:—

Amoy	Hongkew	Peking
Bangkok	Iloilo	Penang
Batavia	Ipoh	Rangoon
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Canton	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
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Foochow	Manila	Tientsin
Haiphong	Moukden	Tokyo
Hamburg	Nagasaki	Tsingtao
Hankow	New York	Yokohama
Harbin		

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1928. [26

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2

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D. M. BIGGAR,
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Authorised Capital...Guilders 150,000,000- (£12,500,000.)
Paid-Up Capital.....Guilders 80,000,000- (£6,666,670.)
Reserve Fund.....Guilders 40,000,000- (£3,333,333.)

Head Office—AMSTERDAM.*
Eastern Head Office—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng*, Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Jiddah, Djember, Djokjakarta*, The Hague*, Kobe, Kota-Radja, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pekalongan, Penang, Pontianak, Rangoon, Rotterdam*, Semarang*, Shanghai, Sibolga (Sumatra), Soerabaia, Soerakarta (Solo) Tegal, Tjilatjap and Welevreden*.
*These offices have Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.
O. STEENSTRA,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid up ...Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund..... Yen 96,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT:

Alexandria	Honolulu	Rangoon
Batavia	Kai Yuen	Saigon
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Dairen	Manila	Singapore
(Dalny)	Nagasaki	Shimonoseki
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Hamburg	Newchwang	Tientsin
Hankow	New York	Tokyo
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Hong Kong	Rio de Janeiro	Tsingtau
	Vladivostock (Temporarily closed)	

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong 12th September 1927 [25

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:

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CANTON	LUMPUR	TAIPING
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CEBU	MADRAS	TAVOY
COLOMBO	MANILA	TIENTSIN
DELHI	MEDAN	TOKYO
HAIPHONG	NEW YORK	TSINGTAO
HAMBURG	PEKING	YOKOHAMA
HANKOW	PENANG	ZAMBOANGA
HONG KONG	PESHAWAR	(Philippine Islands).
ILOILO	TONGKAH (Bhuket)	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
J. R. GEORGE,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th Jan., 1928. [20

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

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5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.
HEAD OFFICE:
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Special Working Capital Frs. 50,000,000
Reserves .....Frs. 15,804,965

BRANCHES:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
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BANKERS:
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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st January, 1928.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,600,000
Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest ...£1,545,667

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Delhi	Lahore	Simla
Galle	Malacca	Singapore
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Howrah	Madras	Patani
	New York	

HONG KONG BRANCHES:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29

THE BANK OF CHINA.

中國銀行

(Special authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL $60,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL 19,760,200.00
RESERVE FUND 9,864,338.69

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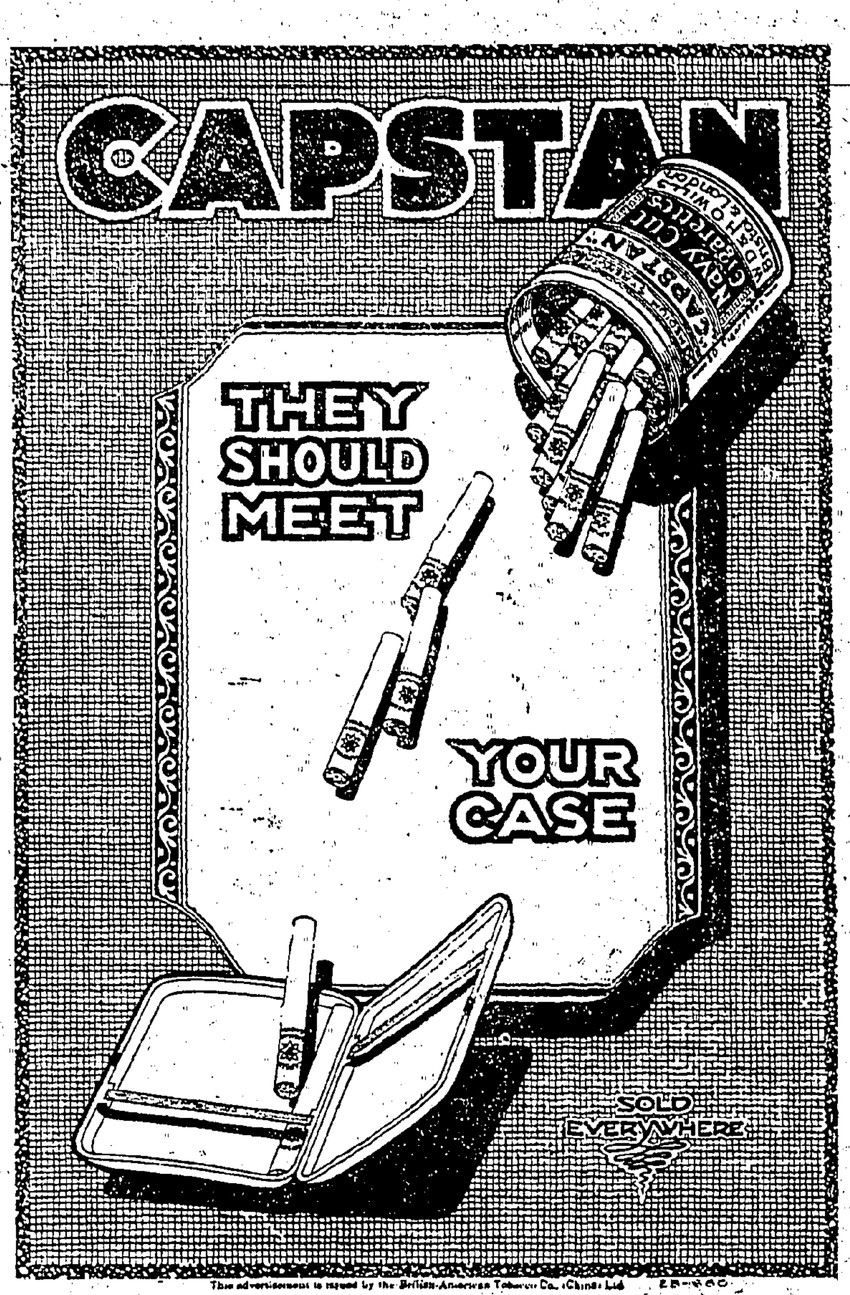
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on Approved Securities.
Special facilities for domestic exchange.
SHOU J. CHEN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th June, 1927. [36 37]



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Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.89,384,519.10

BRANCHES:

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Canton	Nam-Dinh	Singapore
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes to let.
CH. LEM,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1927. [32

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ..$11,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 8,664,200
RESERVE FUND 850,000

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Chief Manager.

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HONG KONG.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL $10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL... 5,000,000
RESERVE... 1,200,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:—

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Bombay	Manila	Rangoon	Sourabaya
Calcutta	Melbourne	Saigon	Sydney
Canton	Nagasaki	San Francisco	Taipeh
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February 29th, 1928.

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Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/0⅜
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
ON PARIS,—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1.245
Credits, 4 months' sight	1.320
ON NEW YORK,—	
Bank Bills, on demand	49⅛
Credits, at 60 days' sight	50⅛
ON BOMBAY,—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134⅛
ON CALCUTTA,—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134⅛
ON SHANGHAI,—	
Bank Bills, at sight	73⅛
Private, 30 days' sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA,—On demand	104⅛
ON MANILA,—On demand	98⅛
ON SINGAPORE,—On demand	86⅛
ON BATAVIA,—On demand	121⅛
ON HAIPHONG,—On demand	—
ON SAIGON,—On demand	nom.
ON BANGKOK,—On demand	92⅛
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	$9.60
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	—
BAR SILVER, per oz.	26⅛

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"AENEAS"	3rd Apr.	Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.
"SARPEDON"	18th Apr.	Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.

*Via Casablanca.

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"POLYPHEMUS"	1st Apr.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
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